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RIVAL AS AUDITOR.

UNION INSURANCE CRITICISM.

SOCIETY'S FINE POSITION.

Tributes to the memory of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, a director of the Society, and to the late Hon. Sir Paul Chater, questions on the accounts by Mr. J. M. Alves; and criticism by the latter of the policy of appointing Messrs. Linstead and Davis as co-auditors having regard to the fact that a prominent member of that firm was a director of a rival insurance company, were features of the meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, held at the offices of the Society to-day.

Mr. Alves paid a warm tribute to the work of the General Manager, Mr. Paul Lander.

Mr. J. A. Plummer occupied the chair and there were also present: The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. W. L. Patterson (directors), Mr. Paul Lander (General Manager), and a large number of shareholders.

The notice convening the meeting was read by Mr. Paul Lander.

CHAIRMAN'S TRIBUTES.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—Before commencing the formal business of this meeting I would refer with deep sorrow to the death of Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who as you are well aware for a great number of years was a Director of this Company and its ardent supporter. The late Mr. Holyoak's public activities are well known to you. He was an entirely plucky, public spirited and kindly man. Prosperity or adversity never changed him and he was always a loyal friend.

The General Manager showed me yesterday a private letter he had received from the late Mr. Holyoak posted from Colombo in which Mr. Holyoak mentions his extremely indifferent health. In Singapore he was very far from well but in spite of this he found time twice to call upon a young Hongkong man seriously ill in the Singapore Hospital. I mention this small incident because it denotes the man.

I would refer also with deep sorrow to the death of Sir Paul Chater well known to us all. Sir Paul was one of our oldest and most respected residents and he has rendered this Colony distinguished service.

The sympathy of this meeting is extended to the bereaved families.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Continuing Mr. Plummer said:—Gentlemen:—The working account for the year 1924 after payment of an interim dividend of 24/- per share and a 20% bonus to Contributors shows that the balance available for distribution amounts to \$302,093.25 and your Directors recommend that this balance should be dealt with as follows:—A final dividend to shareholders of 16/- per share on 135,000 shares, \$108,000; a bonus dividend to shareholders of 5/- per share on 135,000 shares, \$33,750; to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year, \$160,343.25.

The balance of the working account for the year 1925 amounts to \$510,247.15. 8 and your Directors recommend that an interim dividend of 24/- per share should be paid to Shareholders absorbing \$102,000, a bonus of 20% be paid to Contributors of Business on Bonus terms amounting approximately to \$30,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

The Board further recommends the transfer from the Re-insurance Fund of \$78,000 to the credit of the Sterling Reserve Fund, which will increase this fund from \$222,000 to \$300,000, and decrease the Re-insurance Fund from \$2,413,070.12 to \$2,340,070.12.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Turning to the figures in the balance sheet you will notice that

PICKETS ACTIVE NEAR MACAO.

INTERFERENCE WITH FUNERAL.

CHINESE INDIGNATION.

Boycott pickets at Chinshan, near Macao, have often been the cause of trouble near the Portuguese-Chinese border, and from latest reports to hand it would appear that they are once again showing signs of unwelcome activity.

It has often been the custom for Chinese who have died in Macao to be taken over the border for interment in Chinese territory. The pickets have now apparently decided to interfere with such funerals, for since the 25th instant they have made it known that they intend to prohibit such burials.

Since that date, at least two funerals of Chinese who have died in Macao have been interfered with, armed pickets turning the processions back.

This latest form of picket activity has created much indignation in Chinese circles, and there is talk of protests being delivered to the authorities for the purpose of putting a stop to such interference with the burial of the dead.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

SUPPLIES COMING FROM AMOY.

Comments on the smuggling of opium from Amoy were made at the Central Police Court this morning during the hearing of a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when a stoker of the s.s. Sheung Mi was charged with possession of seventy-five pounds of non-Government prepared opium at the Yuen On wharf. The value of the seizure was stated to be \$560.

Mr. Lindsell said he understood there was a lot of opium smuggling going on from Amoy.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, who prosecuted, replied that that was so. The boat had come in from Amoy yesterday.

The defendant was fined \$5,000, or six months' imprisonment.

RABIES OUTBREAK.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang gave notice of the following questions, (1) The number of deaths from rabies since the present outbreak.

(2) The number inoculated who have subsequently died from rabies.

(3) If it is the intention of the Government to take more drastic measures for the prevention of the spread of rabies and,

(4) If the question of the establishment of a Pasteur Institute in Hongkong has been considered.

SUBMARINE'S LONG TRIP.

A DUTCH VENTURE.

Amsterdam, May 27. The Dutch submarine K13, has left on a six months' cruise to the Dutch East Indies. This is believed to be the longest trip ever undertaken by an unescorted submarine, and it is expected to arrive at Sourabaya on December 12. It will go via the Azores, Las Palmas, Curacao, the Panama Canal, San Francisco, Honolulu, Guam, Yap and Manila and take oceanographical observations en

THE SWATOW WAY.

STUDENTS JAIL MASTERS.

INTOLERABLE CONDUCT.

The Swatow correspondent of the N. C. D. News, writing under date of the 16th instant, gives some astonishing details of the truculent attitude adopted by students, who have even gone the length of putting in gaol principals who have dared to inflict disciplinary measures on the scholars.

The correspondent says:—The ineptitude of the policy that is being pursued by the authorities in regard to schools becomes more and more apparent. Their one idea seems to be to allow untrammelled liberty to the pupils to work their will in the schools, so long as they are ready to be paraded in processions at the call of the Kuomintang or the labour unions.

HEAD MASTER SEIZED.

A flagrant scandal from the district city of Chenghai has been causing many folk "furiously to think" whether things are tending. The head of one of the higher primary schools there had occasion to expel one of the boys. He, as usual, went to the students' union for sympathy, and a mob composed chiefly of students of the city middle school, went to his school, rushed in, seized the offending head and the supervisor of studies, and dragged them, in procession round the streets "to display to the public," ending up at the goal where they handed them in and saw that they were duly locked up. Next day the pupils of the school, who had taken no part in this performance, paraded out to Swatow, and petitioned the authorities for the release of the two unfortunate gentlemen, and returned satisfied with a promise that a telegram would be sent ordering their release.

STILL IN GAOL.

That was ten days ago; and still they are in gaol, in spite of strong protests from the teachers of the city, the parents of the pupils, and various public bodies; and the school has, of course, been closed for the time being. The authorities have been absolutely silent, and have made no move whatever towards dealing with the students' union or with any of the hooligans who led the affair.

One wonders how long teachers will be content to carry on their work in fear of this sort of treatment. In these days when "unions" crop up on all sides like mushrooms, we hear nothing at all of teachers' unions; and yet, there seems no body of men who require more to co-operate in defence of their interests. If they were suspected of conspiring together in order to maintain some kind of reasonable discipline in their schools, would they be condemned as reactionaries and "running dogs of imperialism?"

A SANGUINARY FIGHT.

Another sample of the prevailing lack of discipline has been provided by the two leading government schools in Chaochowfu, the middle school and the normal school. A basketball match was being held on the ground of the latter, and the visiting team was accompanied by several hundreds of supporters. As soon as the first goal was scored, by the home team, a row began, stones commenced to fly; railings were torn up, and the timbers applied to the vile bodies of the other fellows. Finally the middle school retired in good order and paraded the streets during their opponents to show their faces, and picketed the approaches to the normal school so that it could not get

LABOUR TROUBLES AT HOME.

HOUSEHOLDERS ON COAL RATIONS.

NEW PRINTER'S AGREEMENT.

London, May 27.

The seriousness of the coal situation, is emphasised by the announcement by the Secretary of Mines that householders will only be allowed half one hundredweight of coal per week from to-morrow. They must fetch it themselves and must have a written permit from the local authorities. This is one quarter of the amount allowed to the smallest houses in war time and is one of the many restrictions imposed owing to dwindling supplies. Business premises are cut down to half supplies, and no illuminated signs are allowed. Street lighting has been reduced to a "safety minimum."

A Whitehall communique under the Emergency Powers Act in this connection adds that heavy penalties are provided for non-compliance with the above orders.—*Reuter.*

PRINTERS REACH AGREEMENT.

London, May 27.

The Federation of Master Printers and the Newspaper Society to-day agreed to a national settlement with the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation providing for a continuance of the agreements existing prior to May 1st. It contains provisions for the prevention of lightning strikes and stipulates there will be no interference with the contents of newspapers or periodicals published by the members of the employers' organisations.—*Reuter.*

WU AND CHANG.

IMPORTANT MEETING IN PEKING.

Hankow, May 27.

Wu Fei-fu left for Peking by a special train at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Commenting on the departure, the vernacular papers, state that the forthcoming meeting with Chang will dispel many rumours of differences between them and enable them to arrive at a lasting understanding for the country's peace.

Local students are most active in collecting funds and otherwise encouraging the B. C. C. strike. The Company is optimistic and hope for a settlement in two or three days.—*Reuter.*

BIG SHIPPING SALE.

PRICE OF WHITE STAR LINE.

New York, May 27.

The International Mercantile Marine Company will hold a meeting on June 17 to confirm the proposed sale of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, otherwise known as the White Star Line, to British interests headed by Furness, White and Company for about \$7,500,000. It is understood that in connection with the sale the vendors agree to limit competition in the present White Star trade routes.—*Reuter.*

ECHO OF PARTY.

EARL CARROLL'S SENTENCE DEFERRED.

New York, May 27.

Earl Carroll, the well-known theatrical producer who is charged in connection with a "champagne party" has been released on \$5,000

HAINAN BANDITS.

PEOPLE IN STATE OF PANIC.

FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

News received from Kuingchow states that since the expulsion of Tang Poon-yan and his adherents, the 4th Army Corps, which has been in occupation ever since, has been and is still endeavouring to suppress banditry, but is handicapped from the fact that the bandits are led by former soldiers of Tang Poon-yan, who, being natives of the district, have a better knowledge of the locality than their opponents. It is, therefore, difficult for the Government troops to eradicate the bandits.

The terrible condition of the people and the devastated state of the country in Luichow and Chuman have been previously reported. Hainan is no better off as far as banditry is concerned. Village after village have been plundered and burnt, and many inhabitants have been either killed or taken captives. Several aged and maimed people are left homeless and helpless.

BANDITS' OPPORTUNITY.

Now that a part of the 12th Division has been ordered to proceed to the North River sector to take part in the Northern campaign, the people of Hainan are in even greater consternation, because the bandits will no doubt take this mobilisation order as a signal for them to make preparations for further depredations before the arrival of other troops to fill up the vacancies. Under such circumstances, the people live in constant fear of being raided by bandits, and there is now a considerable exodus to Siam, Malay States, Java and Sumatra. It is said that every steamer leaving Hainan takes away from two to three emigrants.

NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.

Now that preparations for the Northern campaign are in full swing, it is stated that General Chang Kai-shek has moved his headquarters to the cruiser "Chung Shan" in order to direct the movements of the various units, and to be near the General Staff headquarters. In conjunction with the Commissariat Department, of which General Chu Pu-teh is the Quartermaster General, the post of Director-General of Transport, it is stated will also be given to him. Another report says that General Chu has proceeded to Shui-kwan to establish transport stations for service of the armies in the field.

Mr. Eugene Chan has reported to the Nationalist Government that he has assumed office as the Minister of Foreign Affairs *pro tem.* on the 25th instant.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

AMERICANS SEIZED BY MEXICAN BANDITS.

Mexico City, May 27.

That he is ill as the result of torture inflicted by bandits who hung him up by the thumbs is announced in a letter to the American Consul at Torreon from Laredo, Texas, by a mineowner named Braden, who, with two other Americans, Gallagher, an engineer, and Shandlin, a planter, are held prisoner by Mexican bandits in Durango State. Braden adds he is held for ransom.

THE SURRENDER OF ABD-EL-KRIM.

FRANCE BREATHES SIGH OF RELIEF.

AN APOLOGY POSSIBLE.

Paris, May 27.

France's great sigh of relief at the surrender of Abd el Krim rustles the pages of the newspapers, which joyfully welcome the end of the Rif venture, of which they emphasise there must be no repetition. The Rif must henceforth be properly governed, in which connection a continuance of Franco-Spanish co-operation is underlined in order to exploit the wealth of Morocco. It is suggested that Abd el Krim will not be permitted to reside in Moslem territory and may be compelled to apologise to the Sultan of Morocco.

Le Matin describes Krim's surrender as the dissipation of German and Bolshevik dream of France's ruin in Morocco, and adds, "that for all her 1,700,000 dead, France has shown once again that she can defend herself. Abd el Krim can rely on our clemency but the pardon does not signify forgetfulness, and we shall remember his dealings with Bolsheviks and Pan-Germans."—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON DOGS.

OWNERS BEFORE THE COURT.

There was the usual batch of summonses against dog-owners heard by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. D. O. de Silva, of the Sun Life Insurance Co., was charged with allowing his animal to be in the streets without a muzzle or a leash and was fined \$3.

The defendant admitted the charge and stated that the muzzle had become detached whilst he was taking his dog out. He was attempting to recapture the animal when the police arrived on the scene.

His Worship, convicted on a technical offence and imposed the nominal fine stated.

WOOD STEALERS.

FIVE CHINESE CAUGHT.

While chasing about nine Chinese, who had some pinewood in their possession, at Stanley Road, Shaikwan, an Indian constable fell and sprained his wrist, but nevertheless he succeeded in capturing five of them—one man and four women.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, the five were charged with being in unlawful possession of 184 piculs of pinewood.

It was found that the man had a previous conviction for a similar offence, and he was fined \$100, or two months. The four women were fined \$50, or four weeks each.

FRENCH POLITICS.

M. BRIAND'S POSITION STRENGTHENED.

Paris, May 27.

On what was tantamount to a vote of confidence, the Chamber by 320 votes to 203, agreed to the Government's demand for an adjournment of interpellations on the financial situation. Undoubtedly, the recovery of the

PEAK TRAMS.

DETAILS OF THE NEW CARS.

A WORKSHOP DIFFICULTY.

"There is a popular fallacy in Hongkong that the Peak made the Peak Tramway. The opposite is the case. The Peak Tramway has made the Peak and by so doing has put millions of dollars into the coffers of the Hongkong Government, a fact which the Government on occasions might bear in mind." Thus spoke the Chairman of the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, in the course of his speech at the general meeting held at the Hongkong Hotel, this morning.

Only one shareholder, Mr. W. Morley, attended the meeting, this being no doubt due to other meetings held at the same hour elsewhere. The Directors of the Company who were present were Mr. Henry Humphreys, (presiding), Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. R. M. Austin and Mr. A. S. Gubbay.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary, Mr. G. Rapp, having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts and auditors report having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. Before dealing with them, I should like to make some reference to the death of Sir Paul Chater, who, as you are aware, had been on our Board for many years and died yesterday full of years and honour. I feel sure I express the feelings of shareholders as well as ourselves when I say that we deeply sympathise with Lady Chater and relatives in their bereavement. We desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the valuable services he rendered to this Company and sorrow at the loss of such a sterling character.

As you are aware, during practically the whole of the period under review, conditions have been very unsettled and the traffic receipts in consequence show a falling off of \$14,240.44. We regret, therefore, that on this occasion we are unable to recommend the distribution of any bonus. Last year the Government assessed us on a different footing in respect of taxes. They now assess us on the basis of profits, practically quadrupling the taxes we paid formerly, which accounts for the large increase under the heading of Rates, Crown Rent and Fire Insurance.

MOUNT CAMERON SCHEME.

As regards the Mount Cameron item, viz. \$3,000 which still appears in the books, we shall, unless the Government is prepared to help us in the way of guaranteeing a dividend for a certain period of years, abandon the scheme of a new tram and write off the above amount. We have unhappy recollections of the early days of this Company. From 1889 to 1892 we paid no dividend and it was not until 1898 that we were able to pay a dividend of over 7 per cent. There is a popular fallacy in Hongkong that the Peak made the Peak Tramway. The opposite is the case. The Peak Tramway has made the Peak and by so doing has put millions of dollars into the coffers of the Hongkong Government, a fact which the Government, on occasion, might bear in mind. There were very few houses and no hotels at the Peak when the line first opened.

We propose to write \$10,000 off permanent way. Since the formation of the Company this item has always been merged with machinery and plant. In future we propose to keep the two distinct to enable us to write down machinery and plant year by year as should be done. The appropriation above referred to

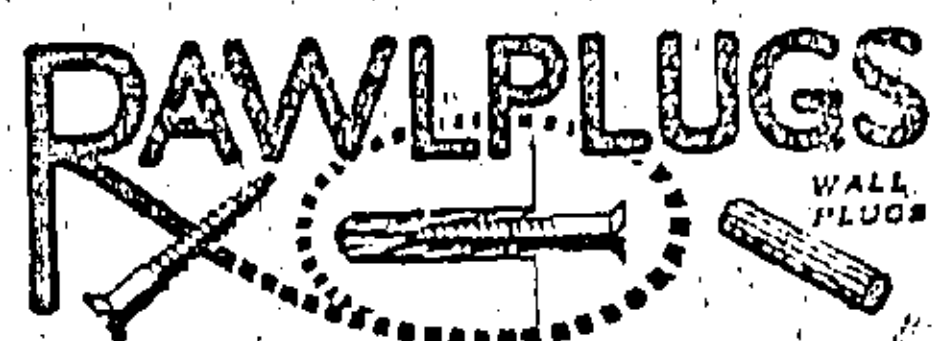


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THE POST OFFICE.

REPORT ON THE WORK FOR 1925.

Some interesting facts in relation to the Colony's postal services are contained in the annual report of the General Post Office for 1925, signed by the Postmaster General (Mr. M. J. Green), which was laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The report states that the general labour unrest in June affected the postal staff and 36 Chinese clerks (under ten years service) and 170 postmen absented themselves from duty, 5 of the former and 46 of the latter returned to duty during the year. The defaulters have been replaced by 12 clerks transferred from the Imports and Exports Office and by men engaged subsequently.

Mails.

The number of mail receptacles of Hongkong origin dispatched during the year was 32,044 as compared with 37,179 in 1924—a decrease of 5,135.

Receptacles in transit which were handled numbered 121,343 as against 144,541 in 1924—a decrease of 23,198.

In all, 4,422 steamers carrying mails arrived and 6,300 left, a decrease of 1,416 and 3,062 under the previous year's figures.

Registered Articles and Parcels.

The number of registered articles handled amounted to 887,661 as compared with 851,973 in 1924—an increase of 35,688.

The figures for insured articles were 15,327 and 13,906 respectively—an increase of 1,421.

Parcels, ordinary and insured, which were dealt with reached a total of 397,729 as against 396,195 in 1924—an increase of 1,534.

Negotiations are now being conducted with the Canadian Postal Administration for the extension of the insured parcel Service to that country, and it is hoped that the agreement for the exchange of insured parcels between Hongkong and Canada will come into force in 1926.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The total revenue from the Postal Service in 1925 amounted to \$644,066.67, a decrease on the previous year of \$110,861.59. The Expenditure for 1925 amounted to \$284,419.66, or \$14,851.60 in excess of the previous year.

The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$359,647.01. The decrease of revenue from sale of postage stamps in the year 1925 as compared with that of the year 1924 was \$105,373.09.

Money Orders.

The result of the year's Money Order transactions must be considered satisfactory as it shows a net increase of \$608,000 notwithstanding adverse political conditions and loss of business through the discontinuance of the Straits Settlements Money Order transactions with China through the intermediary of Hongkong. The former Administration arranged as from April 1st to conduct direct transactions with China.

Chinese Delivery Section.

During the year this section handled 2,654,170 ordinary letters, 130,907 other articles, and 8,922 postal hong packets as against 2,816,938 ordinary letters, 123,161 other articles and 8,906 postal hong packets in 1924.

The registered articles delivered amounted to 264,697 of which 115,990 were from the United States and Canada, and 148,707 from China, and other countries showing a decrease of 20,376 as compared with 285,073 in 1924.

There were 4,413 insured letters dealt with as against 3,903 in 1924. The total number of Chinese Private Boxes for which licences were issued during the year was 351, a decrease of 5 as compared with 356 in 1924.

The licences of 27 Chinese Postal Hongs were renewed, the same number as in 1924.

Labour troubles in June caused a temporary suspension of the postal delivery Service. Pending the restoration of the delivery staff to normal, a delivery Service was conducted by the postal hongs in the central districts and the District Watchmen's Committees in the outlying districts.

Miscellaneous.

During the year the Parcel Agreement with Great Britain was extended to provide for the exchange of parcels up to 22 lbs. in weight. Hitherto the maximum limit of weight had been fixed at 11 lbs. Similar extensions in respect of parcels exchange with other Administrations are planned.

The Insured Letter Box Service, as distinct from that for Letters, came into operation on 1st January 1926. By means of this new service articles of gold and silver, precious stones, jewellery and other articles of a like nature, which are prohibited from transmission in insured letters, may now be sent in the letter mails. Hitherto such articles were transmissible by insured parcel post only.

This Department was involved in the labour unrest which became acute in June. The defection of 36 junior clerks and 170 postmen as well as the dislocation of shipping services made the task of maintaining postal services a difficult one. By taking on volunteer workers on counter duties and by the ready assistance of school boys from the Kowloon British School and St. Joseph's College in the Sorting Department all difficulties were speedily overcome and full services were maintained without interruption with the exception of the domestic delivery service which had for a short period to be suspended. The staff was, however, rapidly adjusted and normal conditions restored.

The revenue collected by this Department during the year from radio-telegrams amounted to \$30,342.60 an increase of \$20,846.28 on the amount collected in 1924. Advances of vessels signalled at the lighthouses yielded \$806.20 and semaphore messages \$29.55.

The number of radio-telegrams forwarded during the year was 10,524 consisting of 122,914 words against 11,270 with 107,771 words in 1924, and 13,180 were received consisting of 175,726 words as against 12,628 with 142,325 words in 1924.

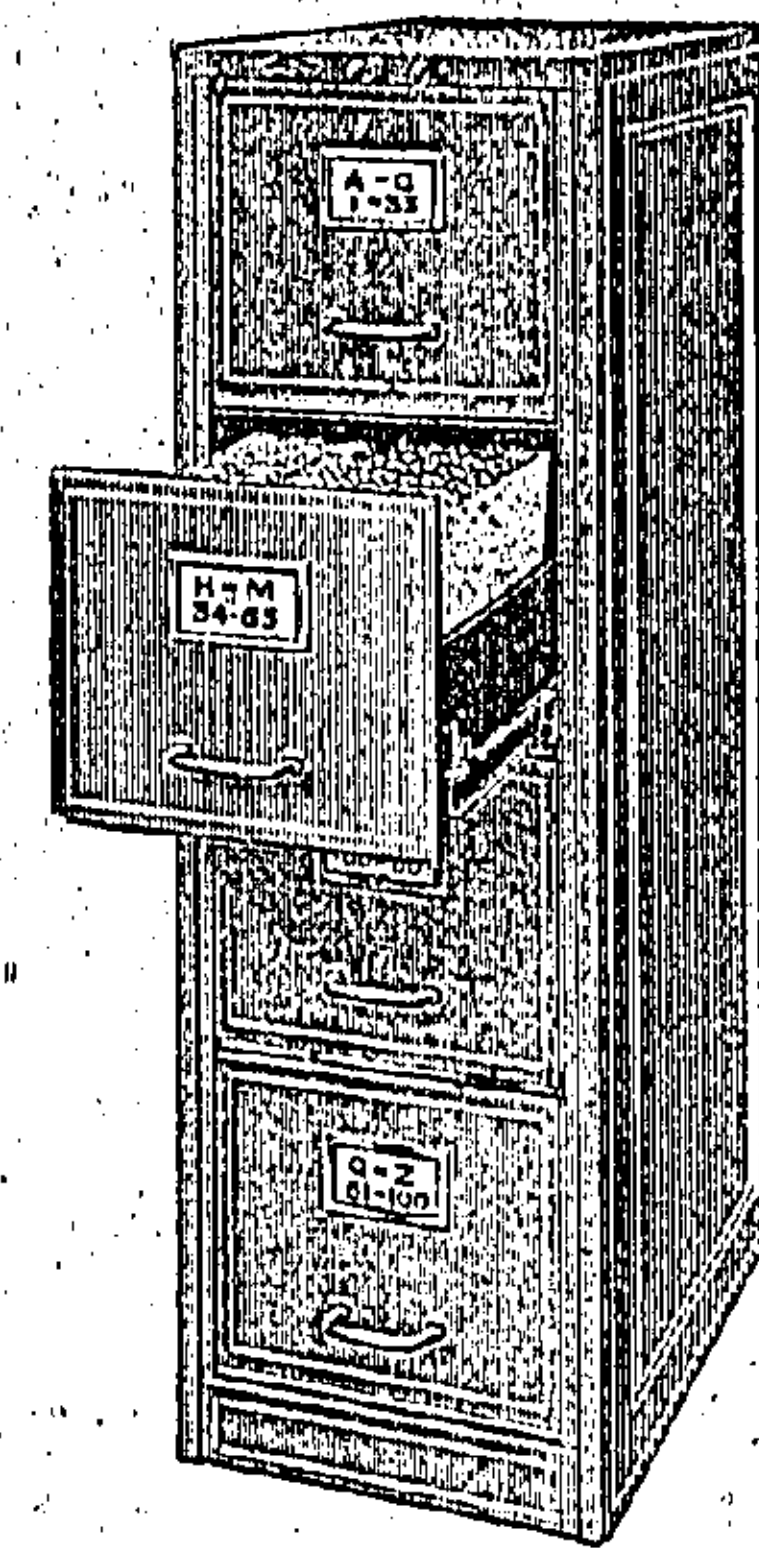
THE JAPANESE DISASTER.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE
YEN 8,500,000.

Tokyo, May 27.

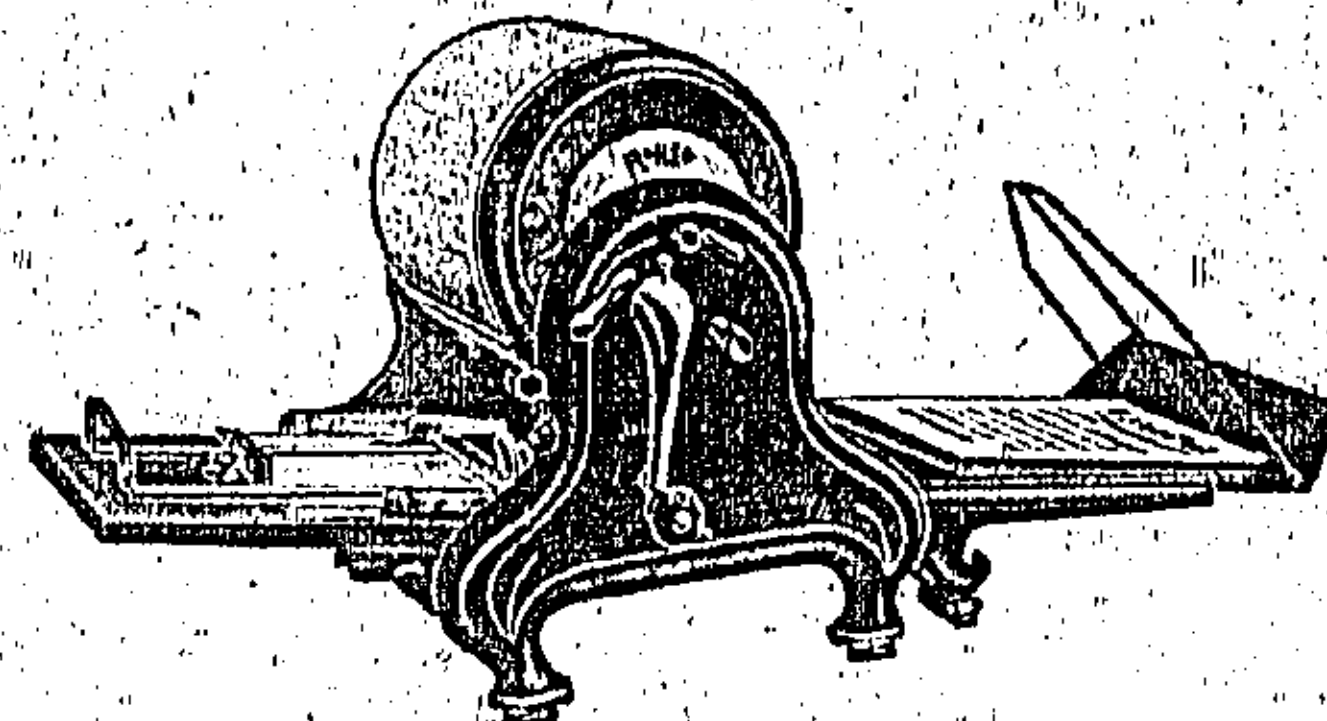
The latest news from the Hokkaido eruption area is that it destroyed twelve miles of the Furano River, five miles of the Kametsu River, 33 bridges, 730 houses, a mile and a half of railway, three miles of roads completely and 40 seriously damaged. The estimated damage is Yen 8,500,000. In addition several hundred houses are submerged and seriously damaged while there is much destruction of paddie-fields, farm lands and also a sulphur mine from which 25 bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

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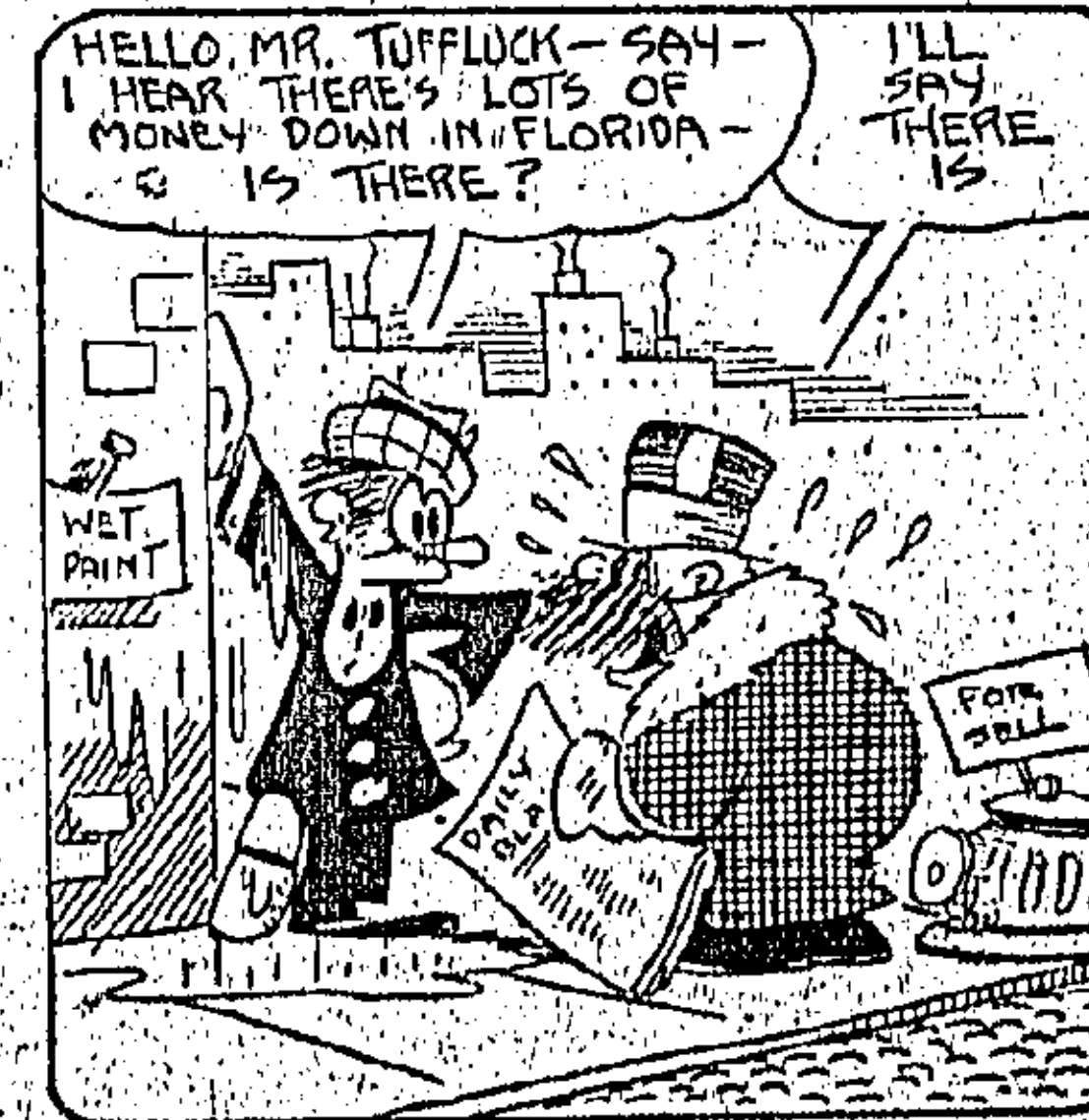


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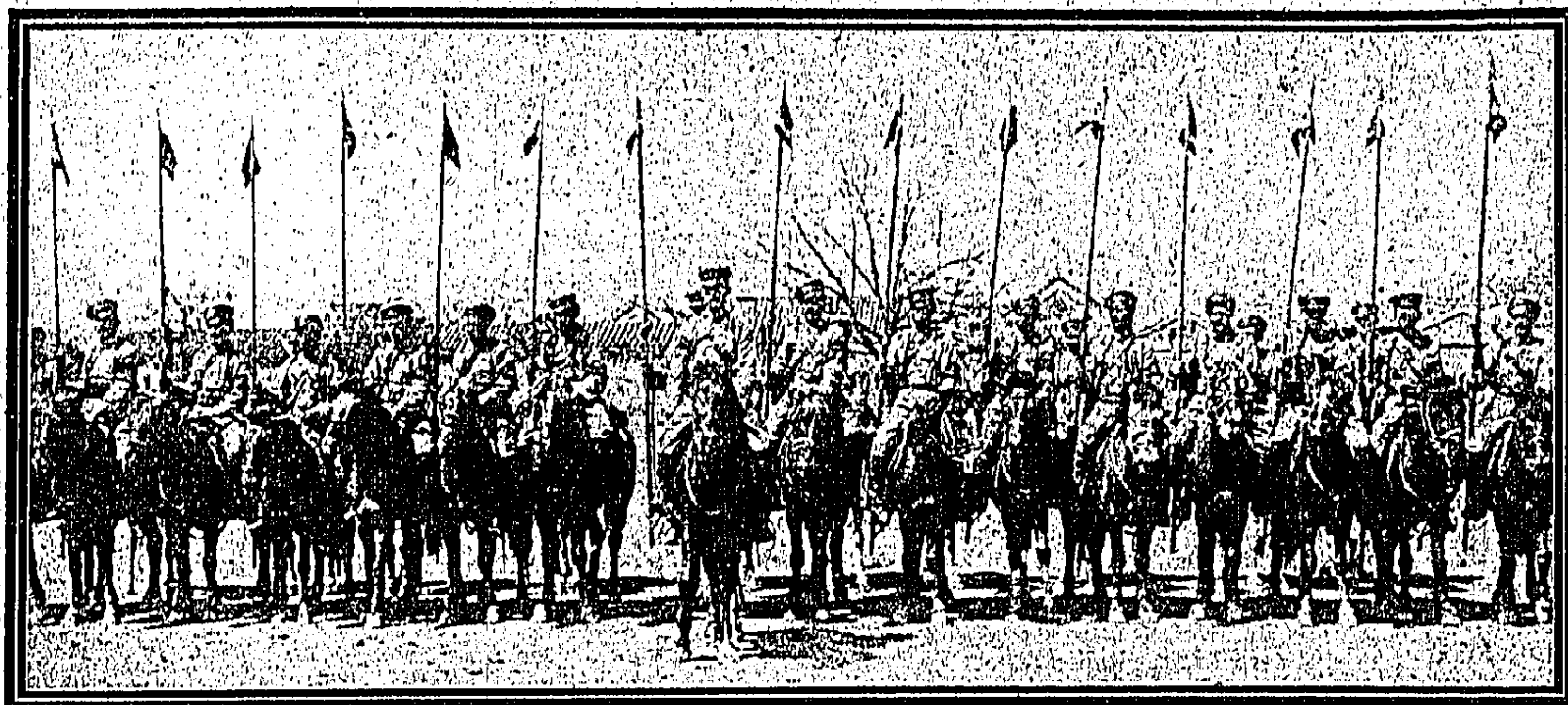


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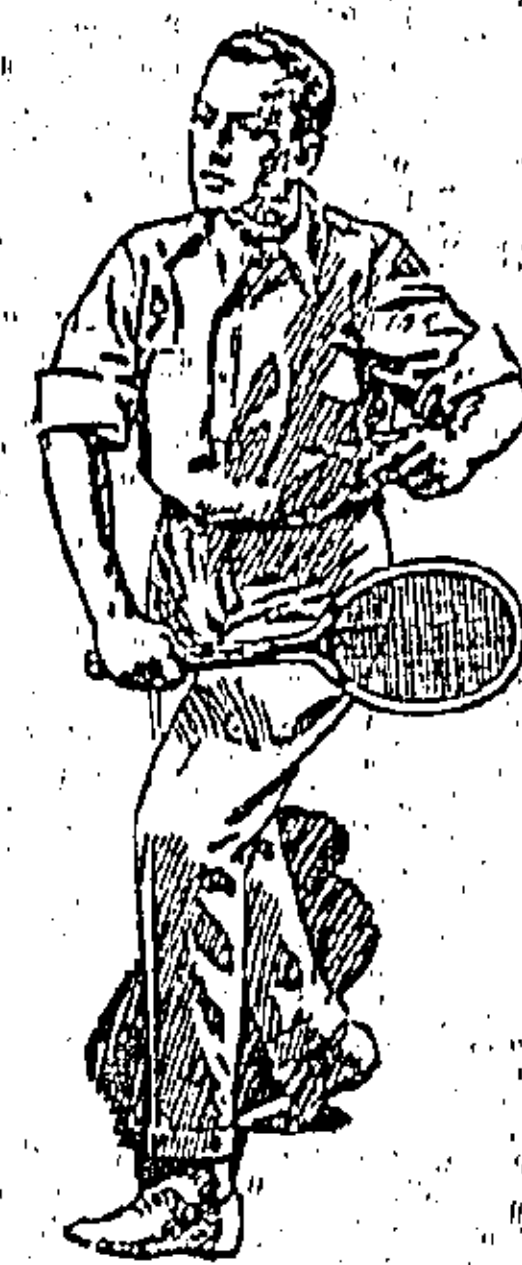


"WHITES" IN CHINESE ARMY.—A squadron of Cossack cavalrymen now serving in the Shantung army. These white Russians were among the first of the "allied" troops to enter Peking after the evacuation of the Kuomintang. In Chinese uniforms these old soldiers of the Tsar now earn from \$14 to \$800 a month, depending on their rank.



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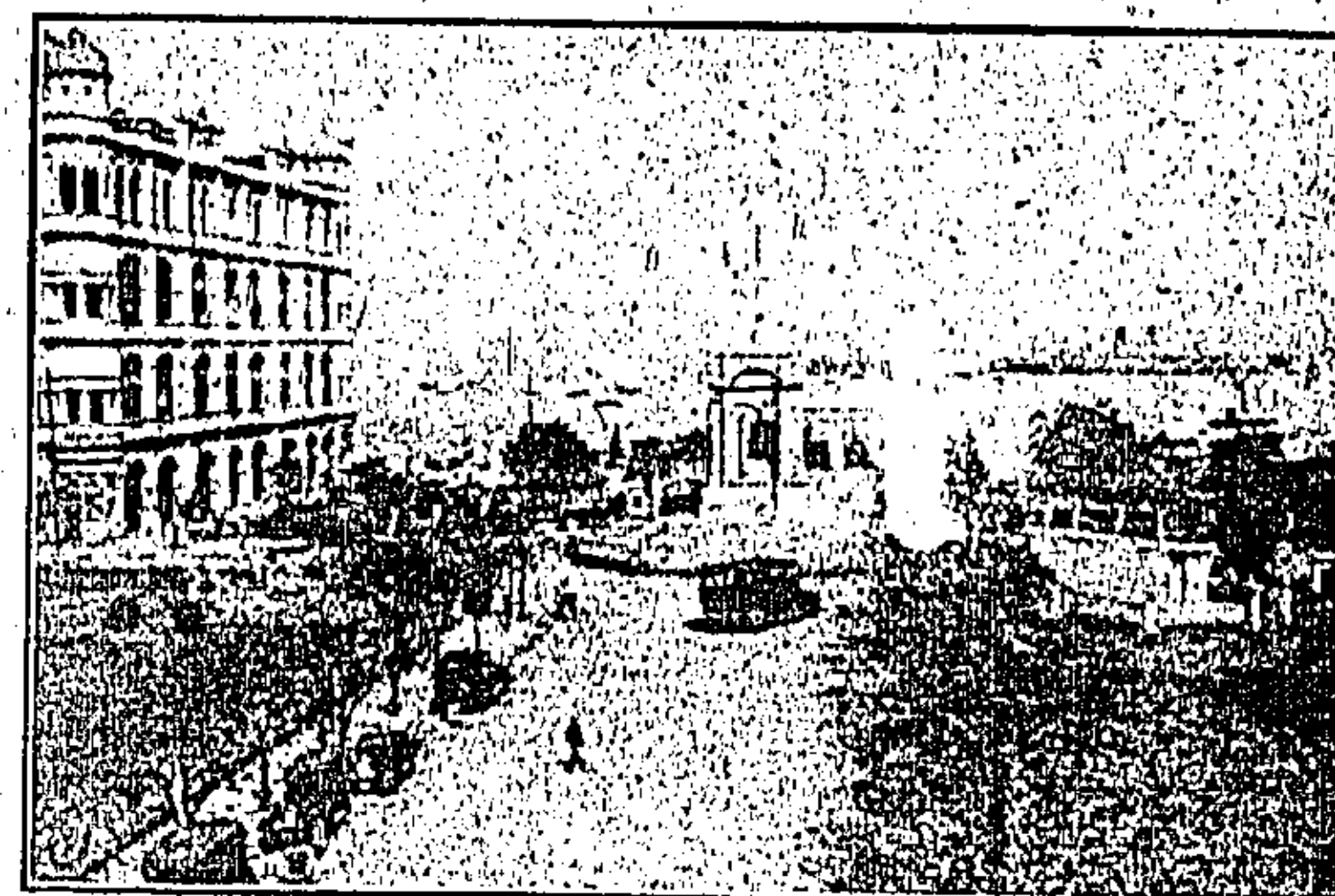
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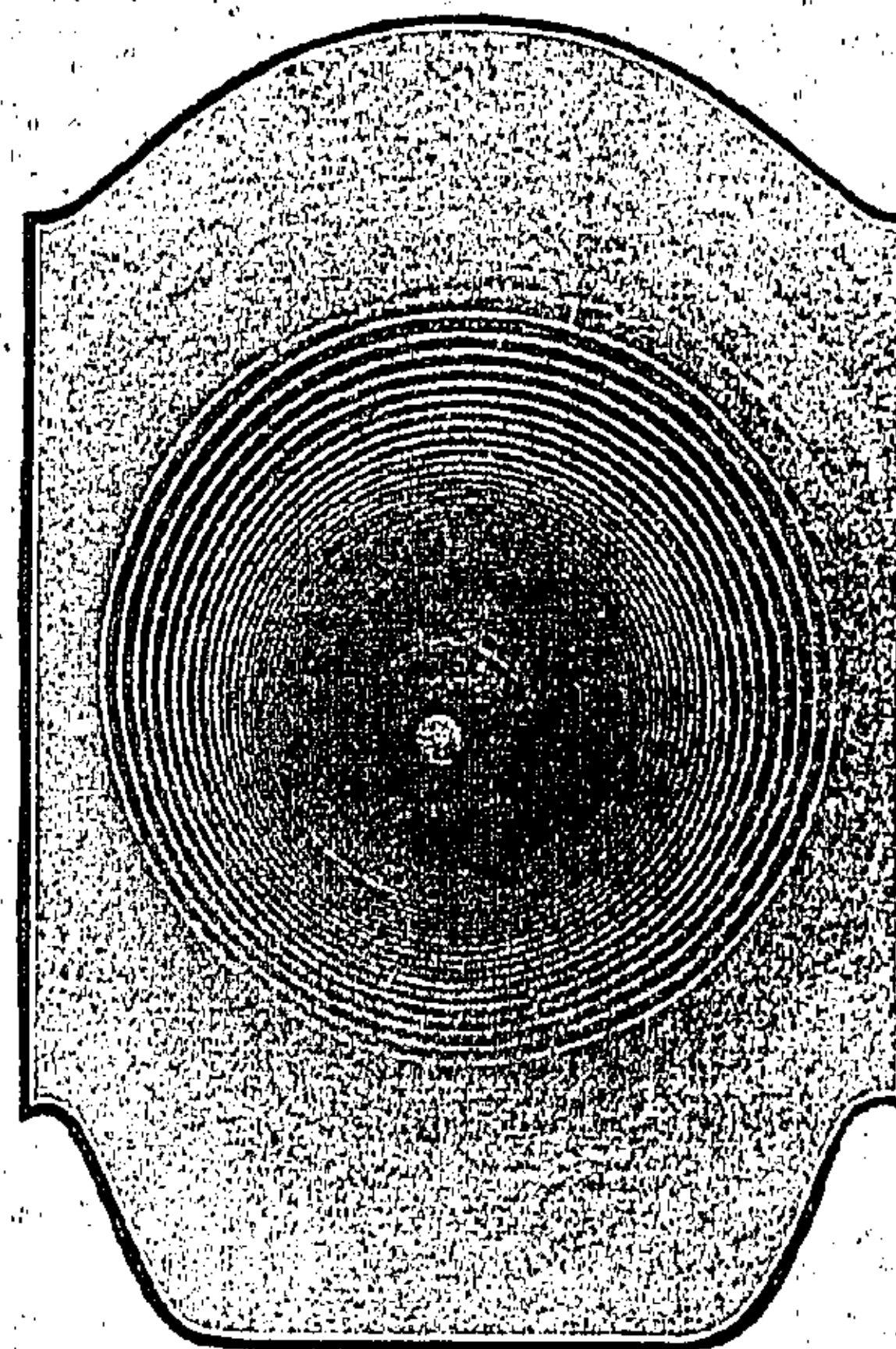


GAVE FAMOUS PARTY.—The New York federal grand jury has indicted Earl Carroll for perjury because he testified no liquor was served at his famous "wine bath" party.



MILITARY ADVISOR TO SHANTUNG TUPAN.—M. Merkalooff, high military advisor to the Governor of Shantung, is an exiled white Russian who has made a name for himself in the affairs of China. He is in charge of the 5,000 Russian mercenaries in the bodyguard of the Shantung Tupan, Chang Chung-chang.

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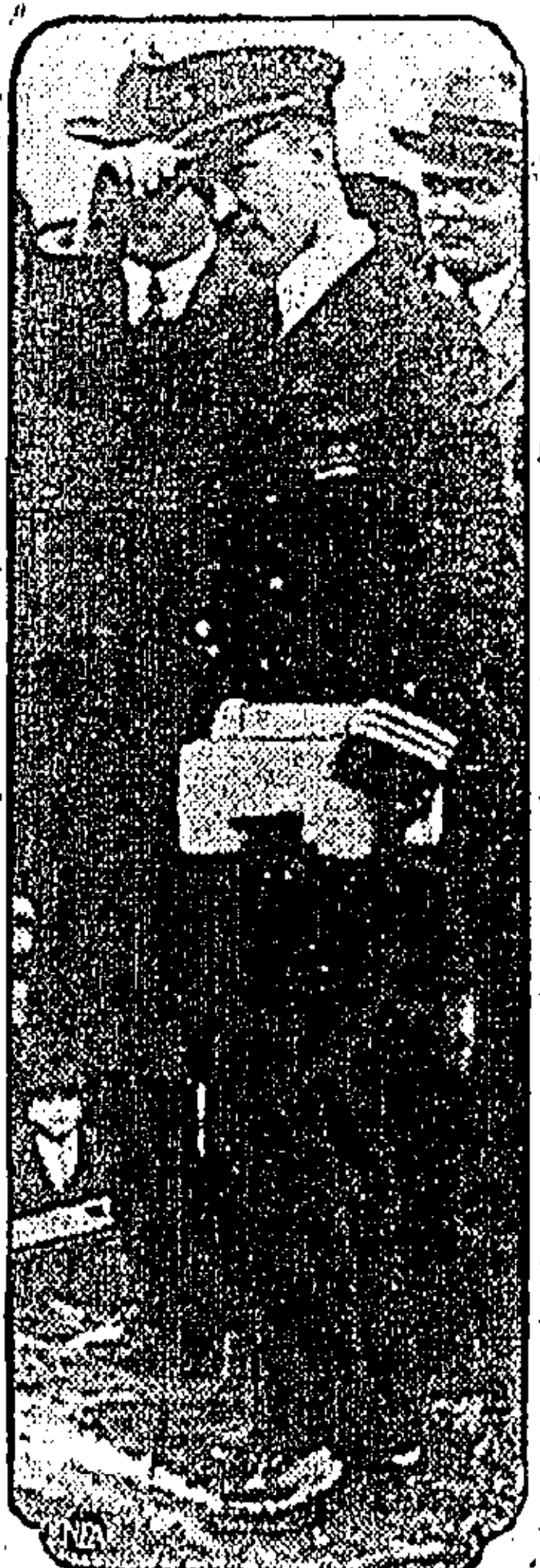
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POLAR FLIGHT.—Lieut. Commander Byrd who was the first to fly to the North Pole.



PLANT EXPERT.—Dr. Forrest Shreve of America, and one of the cactus plants he is studying to determine the desert's capacity for the growing of food crops.

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RIVAL AS AUDITOR.

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Our issued capital has been increased by 24,000 new shares, which were issued and allotted in accordance with the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 19th March 1925 in respect of the exchange of shares in connection with the amalgamation with The Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited. \$4 per share is paid up on the Society's shares and our paid-up capital has therefore been increased by \$96,000.

The sterling equivalent of the Society's silver reserve of \$3,000,000 is \$354,687.10.0 as compared with \$346,875 last year. Exchange at the 31st December 1925 being taken at 2/4. 3/8 as compared with 2/3. 3/4 at the 31st December 1924.

The large increase in our Re-insurance Fund which stands in our balance sheet at \$2,18,070.12. 10 is partly represented by the premium on the new shares issued.

Our Investments have been taken at the market prices ruling on the 31st December last.

Turning to the working accounts you will note that the interest for the year 1924 amounted to \$283,974.18. 7 and the interest shown for the year 1925 amounts to \$221,921.18. 6 only. I would explain however that there are still several additions to be made to the 1925 interest such as dividends from affiliated companies, etcetera.

AMERICAN BUSINESS CURTAILED.

The premium income for the year 1925 as compared with the premium income of the previous year as at 31st December 1924 has decreased by approximately \$200,000. This diminution in premium is primarily due to curtailment of American Fire and Automobile commitments.

The item of commission paid as per the accounts also shows a marked decrease and this is similarly explained by the curtailment of our American business.

The balance of the working account for the year 1925 amounting to \$510,247.15. 8 may be considered satisfactory.

Our marine business has been conducted during 1925 under the somewhat difficult conditions which have characterised this class of insurance during recent years.

DOWNWARD TENDENCY.

The market is still large, and the amount of business restricted with the result that competition is severe and rates in consequence continue to show a downward tendency. Another matter which still causes concern to underwriters, and which my predecessors in the chair referred to last year, is the introduction, largely as the result of competition, of risks of a nature altogether outside the usual scope of marine insurance and for which in many cases inadequate rates are paid.

Individual marine losses of magnitude, and total losses have been less a feature than the many smaller but nevertheless serious losses which often escape public notice or soon fade from memory. Among the latter I would mention the unusual number of serious fires in which valuable cargoes have been involved.

I am glad to say, however, that in some directions there are signs of underwriters themselves endeavouring, by co-operation, to place the business on a profitable basis, particularly in the Hull market in which improvements have been brought about which may later bear fruit.

visit to U.S.A.

Your General Manager visited the United States of America last year in connection with our fire and general business there and during his visit considerable re-insurances were effected on the automobile account.

The net premium income for the year has, as I have already pointed out, been reduced in consequence of these re-insurances, but I am pleased to be able to state that the final outcome for the year showed that a considerable saving had resulted from the arrangements made. The Society's business in the United States of America is receiving our close consideration.

Fire and general business written by the Society and its affiliated Companies in other fields showed that the income was well maintained.

A recent loss of local interest was the Hongkong Hotel Fire which occurred on the 1st January, 1925, and in connection therewith I would like to refer to the excellent assistance rendered by H.M. Majesty's Naval and Military Forces in supplementing the Fire Department of Hongkong. (Applause). It was with deep regret that your Directors learned of the death of Able Seaman Tachet, in the course of these operations.

BOYCOTT DEPLORED.

We all deplore the boycott against British trade in Canton but I cannot believe that the people of Kwangtung will continue to submit for any length of time to the illegal activities of a small section of their community. This Society has had honourable and friendly intercourse with the Cantonese for very many years, being first established in their ancient city in the year 1835, some years before Hongkong passed to the British Crown.

In my opinion, gentlemen, there is no ill-will between the traders of Canton and those of this Colony and that they as well as we desire the resumption of peaceful business relations and the re-establishment of the old trade conditions.

NEW OFFICES.

You will be pleased to learn that the Singapore offices were opened on Saturday the 20th September last, Mr. J. Lonie, Manager of Messrs. Boustead & Company, performing the opening ceremony. This building is constructed of ferro-concrete throughout, covers an area of 26,552 square feet and consists of 7 floors equipped in the most modern manner. Great credit is due to Messrs. Swan & MacLaren, the architects, for designing such a fine structure and to the United Engineers, who carried out the work of construction to its present satisfactory completion.

Handsome offices have also been erected in Bond Street, Sydney, Australia. The building is a fine example of steel structure work and was erected by Messrs. Kell & Bigby under the supervision of Messrs. Ernest A. Scott & Green, architects. It is faced with Hawkesbury stone and brick and contains a basement, ground and eight upper floors. The official opening ceremony took place on the 18th November last and was attended by many of the leading members of the community. The prosperity of the Society was proposed by Mr. Dunlop, President of the Chamber of Commerce, supported by Sir Alfred Meeks and others.

FINE POSITION.

Turning again to the balance sheet, I feel sure you will agree with me that we have reason to be proud of the fine position these figures indicate, and they will no doubt be viewed by you with the utmost satisfaction. (Applause). I am sure you will heartily approve our following the usual custom of voting a bonus of 15% on salaries to the credit of the members of our staff holding

Provident Fund Agreements. The position, gentlemen, not only reflects the greatest credit upon our staff, who have given devoted and unstinted service, but also upon our general manager, Mr. Paul Lauder, for the extremely able manner in which he has conducted the Society's business during a period of unusual difficulty. (Applause).

During the year Mr. G. S. Archbutt, who has had long service with the Society and its affiliated Company, the China Fire Insurance Company Limited, was promoted to the position of Fire Manager and we feel sure you will be pleased to learn of the appointment. Before concluding my remarks I would refer with sorrow to the death of the late Mr. C. W. Darbishire of the firm of Messrs. Paterson, Simons & Company, who was a Member of our London Committee. The news of his death was received throughout the East with deep regret.

I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. G. M. Young, before seconding, said:—It is with a particular sense of personal sorrow that I associate myself with what has been said by Mr. Plummer in reference to the great loss suffered by the community in the death of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

Proceeding, he said:—It is a great pleasure to see so many fellow shareholders present, and I feel sure that we are all delighted at the report we have just listened to. To produce such a fine balance sheet when the business of the world—especially that connected with China—has been so harassed, denotes sound judgment on the part of our General Manager and the managers at all the cities where the Society is represented.

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

The increase of capital in connection with the amalgamation with the Yangtze Association, Ltd., has justified itself, as proven by figures in the balance sheet, and in my opinion there is not anything to worry about in the decreased premium income, for our Chairman's remarks would appear to denote that this has left an increased profit.

With regard to what has been said about our long-standing friendly intercourse with the Cantonese, we doubtless all regret the present misunderstandings that have arisen between us and look forward to a revival of the friendship and a renewal of business.

FORM OF PROPAGANDA.

In these days it is no use hiding one's light under a bushel, and the policy of expressing the Society's business in fine substantial buildings such as have been opened at Singapore and Sydney is, I venture to say, one of the best forms of propaganda and advertisement which can be made use of. (Applause).

I feel confident that we can look forward to a continued increase in the results of the working of the Society, and I heartily endorse everything that has been said by the Chairman with reference to the ability and discrimination of the General Manager and staff in conducting the business.

MR. ALVES' SPEECH.

Mr. J. M. Alves said:—Mr. Chairman—I have listened to your speech with great interest and generally wish to support the statements made by Mr. Young in (Continued on Page 12).

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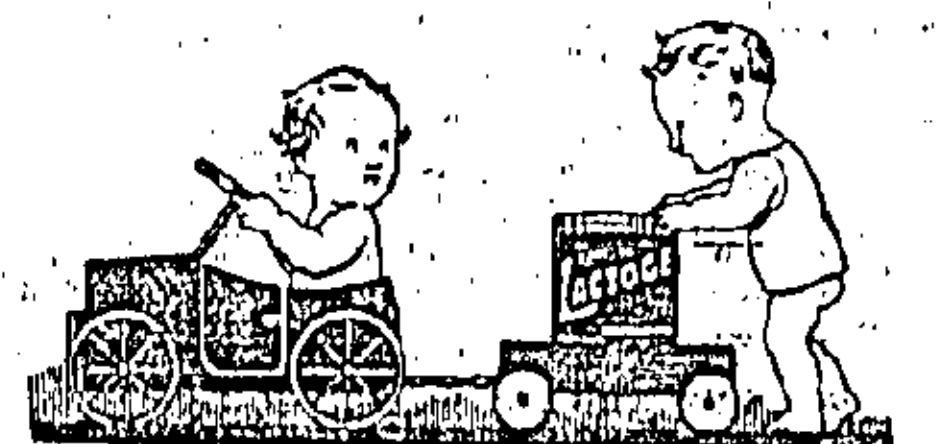
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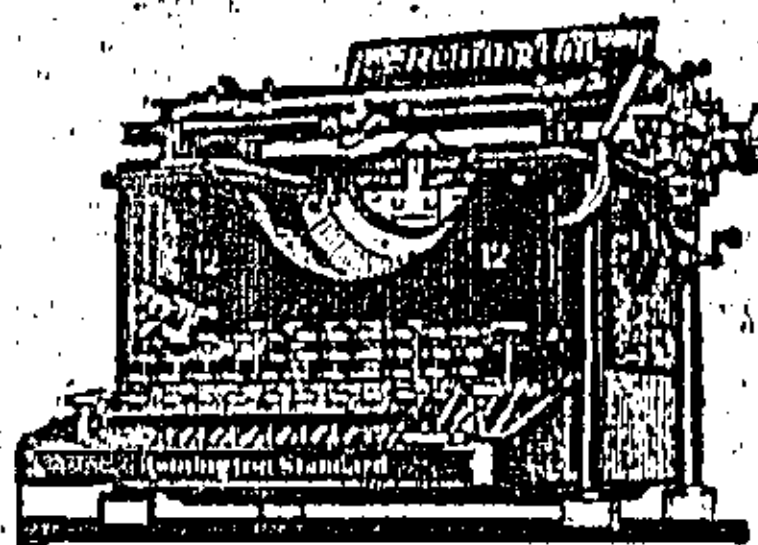
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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage of Miss Olga Augusta Franco and Mr. C. A. Schneider will take place on Saturday, June the 5th, at 3 p.m., in the Chapel of the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Tungshan, Canton. No invitations will be issued, but all friends will be welcomed at the Chapel and to a reception afterwards at the China Baptist Publication Society Building, Tungshan, Canton.

The Telegraph

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1926.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the question of improving the Colony's fire-fighting services has certainly lost no time in presenting its report. It was only on May 1st that the Committee was appointed, and its recommendations were yesterday laid before the members of the Legislative Council. In the main, we think it can be said that the Committee has put forward an admirable series of suggestions, which, if put into effect, should result in many of the causes for past complaints being removed. On the other hand, a close reading of the report leaves us with the impression that several relatively minor, but none the less important, points have not been dealt with as fully as could have been wished.

First and foremost, the Committee places the necessity of an immediate increase in the personnel both of the European and Chinese staffs. This is not surprising, for it has long been felt that the Fire Brigade is undermanned, especially considering the steady growth of the Colony both on the island and in the big districts growing up across the harbour. We are told that the present shortage makes conditions irksome for the men, and, what is even more serious, that a great deal of necessary work cannot be done. The view is expressed that, in the European section, one Inspector Officer and three Sub-Officers should be immediately added to the strength, with an additional officer later. This, in our opinion, represents the very minimum of requirements. Regarding the Chinese staff, proposals are made for introducing

the shift system, which, it is believed, will attract more men to the Brigade, and it is urged that at least 120 firemen are needed. So far as we can see, the present number provided for in the Estimates is 95. The suggested increase will need the provision of more accommodation, but that surely should not be difficult when the new Fire Station is ready for occupation. We rather regret that no particular recommendations have been made regarding firemen's pay, for we cannot help thinking that this is not sufficiently high to attract the right type of men. With the proposal that all men should be engaged on a three-year agreement, we are in hearty sympathy; for nothing is more likely to cause unsatisfactory work than the constant changing of the personnel.

It is particularly gratifying to note the recommendation that the charge of the Brigade should be vested in an officer who would be capable of taking over complete administrative and technical control. That, in our opinion, is a prime necessity. The old system, by which the Captain Superintendent of Police, whoever he might happen to be, was and is the head of the Brigade, is bid from many standpoints, and it is high time it disappeared. We cannot see, however, why an ex-naval officer with fire-fighting experience should be specially mentioned as most suitable for this post, for surely there are professional Fire Brigade men with the necessary training for such a position. One other point may be mentioned, and that is in regard to types of buildings. It may, as is suggested, be impossible to apply modern regulations to old Chinese tenements, but at any rate in regard to new structures we expected something more concrete than a hint that every effort should be made to encourage concrete staircases. If these are advisable, or if some other type giving more safety than the existing ones could be devised, why not make their provision compulsory in new structures?

Bathing Facilities.

Among some of the very interesting matters which engaged the attention of the Legislative Council yesterday was that relating to the provision of public bathing beaches in the Colony, and we learn with considerable pleasure that a strong Committee has been appointed to examine the whole matter and report. We are sure that the general public, also, are pleased that the Government has at long last taken up this matter of bathing seriously, for it is one on which the Administration should have very much more concern than it has shown of late years. Sea bathing here is not to be viewed as a luxury—something which people "can go" without if they don't happen to possess a launch or a motor car to take them to distant beaches. Bathing is a healthful pleasure, which it should be the Government's aim to bring within the reach of all, and we are, therefore, glad to see that the newly-appointed Committee is not only charged with reporting on the existing facilities but on the feasibility of inaugurating additional public bathing beaches and on what should be the future policy of the Government with respect to the whole matter. The terms of reference are exceedingly wide and the opportunity now presents itself for the gentlemen nominated upon the Committee to take a broad and liberal-minded view of the matter and lay it as a distinct charge upon the funds of the Colony to provide adequate and cheap bathing facilities for all. There should, by all means, be proper sanitation and scavenging at such beaches as Repulse Bay and Castle Peak, but it is to be hoped that such matters will not monopolise the Committee's attention. The Committee is a representative and well-chosen one and we are expecting an interesting and progressive report.

DAY BY DAY.

THREE WOULD NOT BE SO MANY OPEN MOUTHS IF THERE WERE NOT SO MANY OPEN EARS.—Bishop Hall.

Our weekly feature, "Hongkong 21 Years Ago," will appear in our issue of to-morrow.

Mrs. Hole, wife of Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master), arrived from Home yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. Mantua.

The Australian-Oriental Line s.s. Changte left Sydney on the afternoon of the 26th May and is due in Hongkong on the 14th June.

Passengers arriving by s.s. Mantua from Home yesterday included Commander E. W. W. Ling R.N.

A memorial service to the late Hon Mr. P. H. Holyoak will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Monday, at 5.30 p.m.

A coolie fell from an upper storey of the Bank of East Asia building yesterday, fracturing his leg. He was later removed to hospital.

We are informed that a telegram has been received by Messrs. Holyoak, Massey and Co., Ltd., to the effect that the funeral of the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak takes place to-day.

The Chinese petition to the Hongkong Government asking for the continuation of the Ordinance restricting rentals, carries the chops of 4,882 firms, and the signatures of 3,392 private individuals.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade will assemble on the Murray Parade ground on Monday, at 5.15 p.m., when H. E. the Governor will present the Long Service Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to the Assistant Commissioner and the District Surgeon.

After an address by his solicitor lasting for nearly an hour, Rajah Salleh, a clerk in the Naval Ordinance Department was sentenced at the Central Magistracy yesterday to nine months' hard labour on charges under the Dangerous Goods and Pharmacy Ordinances.

Two typewriters, valued at over \$100, were stolen from the offices of Messrs. Odell and Behar, brokers, in the A. P. C. Building, sometime during the night of the 26th-27th. The thief is believed to have entered the room through the balcony of the floor. A report has been made to the police.

Incorporated with the usual evening service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday will be an organ recital by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A. T. C. L., the Church organist who will give five numbers. Miss F. McGill and Mr. J. W. Baldwin will render vocal solos.

While proceeding through Sulphur Channel yesterday, an Indian steamer passenger jumped overboard from the B. I. steamer Shirala. The steamer was put round while a lifeboat was lowered, but in spite of a lengthy search, the man was not seen again and is believed to have been drowned.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Russia to-day were Surgeon-Commander and Mrs. Adshad, Mr. and Mrs. Annett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. H. Priestley, Major and Mrs. Trynch, Mrs. and Miss Thwaites, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. R. A. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bridger and Mr. H. Potts.

A report of how he was attacked and thrown into the harbour by a number of men on the Praya East, has been made to the police by S. Anderson, a seaman of the steamer Elkridge. Anderson was suffering from a cut above one eye, after the affair, which is stated to have occurred at five o'clock this morning. He was removed to Hospital, and has missed his ship in consequence.

According to *Religio e Patra*, Rev. L. G. de Garcia, S. J., at present at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland, U.S.A., will be ordained priest on June 14 by His Grace the Archbishop of Baltimore and will celebrate his first mass on the next day (15th June). He will return to Shikung after the time of his probation. Rev. Garcia is the son of the late General Garcia. His mother, Mrs. Garcia, is living in Macao.

INCREASED DIVIDENDS.

STRONG POSITION OF CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The strong financial position of the Company was stressed at this morning's general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited held at the Union Building.

Mr. J. A. Plummer presided and there were also present:—The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. T. G. Weal, Mr. W. L. Pattenden (directors), Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager) and a number of shareholders.

Mr. Lauder read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—The Working Account for the year 1924 shows a balance of \$715,063.75 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—Dividend of \$5 and bonus of \$5 per share on 20,000 shares, \$280,000; to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, \$45,063.75. The balance at credit of the 1925 Account is \$904,610.30.

It gives your Directors much pleasure to be able to present to you an annual report showing the Company to be in such a strong position. You will notice from the working accounts that the actual net premium shows a decrease in comparison with last year. This was anticipated, however and represents the consequence of the curtailment of business, the results of which did not in the opinion of our Management justify the liability incurred. It is anticipated that the Balance of 1925 working account will show a satisfactory result.

I may mention that the figures throughout the accounts are affected by exchange. The sterling rate taken at 31st December 1925 being 2/4 3/8 as against a corresponding rate at 31st December 1924 of 2/3 3/4. This, of

SOLICITOR AND WIFE.

CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The case in which Mrs. W. B. Hind sued her husband, at the Kowloon Magistracy, for maintenance was again mentioned before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil this morning, when, in the absence of both parties, the summons was adjourned sine die.

In adjourning the summons, his Worship said that a settlement had been arranged out of Court.

course, means a drop in the dollar equivalent of all sterling so far as this year's accounts are concerned.

As I have already stated, the balance sheet shows a very strong position and you will notice, gentlemen, the total assets are now over \$8,450,000.

The Reinsurance Fund and Underwriting Suspense Accounts show a satisfactory increase.

I am sure you will have noted with pleasure that the dividend and the bonus this year have been increased by the sum of \$2 each.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be put.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt seconded, and the report and accounts were adopted.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

The re-election of Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weal to the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. A. Sommervolt and seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro. This was carried.

Messrs. Lowe, Pingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Alves, seconded by Mr. F. H. Eane.

The Very Idea!

Of her first novel, "The Sunken Garden," Nathalia Crane, aged twelve years, says in part: "It is an idyllic tale, but laced with adventures. For in this bewildering sanctuary security is threatened by the danger dormant in the sunken garden. In this secret basin of natural loveliness the python rears, a monstrous ophidian, haunts the rim of a sullen pool. The magic of the book rests in the fact that from the first page there is a recession from all conceptions of present-day life."

Dr. H. S. McCray, of the Illinois State Society of Ophthalmists, said, at a clinic recently, that "brown eyes are better than blue eyes because they last longer."

French tutor's ad. in English paper: "A young Paris man desires to show his tongue to classes of English gentlemen."

Time is Money and Money is Time. Do not be forgetting it. Always get as much Money as you can. But don't get "Time" for getting it.

The decision of the city of Hull to pension its blind beggars should make it necessary to cancel one verse of the old vagrants' litany—"From Hell, Hull and Halifax. Good Lord, deliver us." Old Fuller explains this quaint saying thus: "This is part of the beggars' and vagrants' litany. On these three frightful things it is to be feared that they least fear the first, conceiving it to be the furthest from them. Hull is terrible unto them as a place of good government where vagrants meet with punitive charity, and 'tis to be feared are oftener corrected than amended. Halifax is formidable unto them for the law thereof whereby thieves taken in the very act of thieving cloth are instantly beheaded with an engine without any further legal proceedings."

A split infinitive, is where two persons who had no right to actually care for each other cannot find anywhere to privately enjoy their affections and decide to positively quit.

A New York firm applied to Lincoln some years before he be-

came President for information as to the financial standing of one of his neighbours. This was the answer:

"Yours of the tenth received. First of all, he has a wife, and baby; together they ought to be worth \$500,000 to any man. Secondly, he has an office in which there is a table worth \$1.50 and three chairs worth, say \$10. Last of all, there is in one corner a large rat-hole, which will bear looking into."

Respectfully,
"A. LINCOLN."

Rudolf Laubenthal, German tenor at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, became too much in earnest in the dual scene in the second act of "Die Walkure." Michael Bohnen, singing the part of Hunding, was struck on the nose by Laubenthal's sword and it required half an hour to stop the bleeding and dress the injury.

Down by the dismal swamp They heard him holler. Heated and moist he was Under the collar. For that new ball he'd lost Cost him a dollar.

A superintendent of schools in Grant county, Wash., carries portable scales in his automobile. He plans to weigh every pupil twice a year.

A new law, which comes into force on May 7, forbids the serving of any alcoholic drink to scholars under eighteen years of age in colleges or boarding-schools in Italy.

Women are all right, but they have no talent for nomenclature. A woman achieves nomenclature only through grinding and continued application. Fourteen years ago we started to teach Adelphi the nomenclature of a newspaper office. It was a tedious process, but she is pretty nearly letter perfect now. And she uses the word "stuff" to designate anything presented in printed or written form as glibly as a veteran reporter.

Rubenstein was found dying on the pavement with his skull crushed and his throat cut by a passer-by a few moments after the accident.—Washington Star.

SINGAPORE LETTER.

Bangkok Cholera—Rubber Stealing—Centenarian's Death.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, May 17.

Singapore has received a profound and disagreeable shock at the news from Bangkok, where an epidemic of cholera has been raging. Two well-known mercantile marine officers, Captain Owen, of the B. I. steamer Kola, and Mr. W. T. Cottier, the chief engineer, both succumbed to the dread disease shortly after the vessel had left Bangkok on the return trip to Singapore, and the news of these deaths and others which have occurred have caused something of a sensation here.

Years ago Bangkok had an unsavoury reputation on account of the prevalence of small pox and cholera, but a vigorous vaccination campaign and the installation of an up to date water supply did much to improve things, and in recent years Siam's capital has compared favourably with other similar cities of the East. All possible steps are being taken to combat the epidemic, but, mean while, an unhappy impression has been created and it will be a long time before it dies down.

RUBBER STEALING

The question of rubber stealing from estates on Singapore Island has just been ventilated in the Legislative Council, and it was surprising to learn to what an extent the nuisance has grown. Theft in this instance means actual tapping of trees on an estate, not pilfering of prepared rubber, and we are informed that two of the largest estates on the island together lose as much as 21,000 pounds of rubber a month.

The thieves have become so truculent that they have even attacked estate assistants who have apprehended them in their illicit operations, and generally the practice has become so widespread that Government was asked what it was going to do about it. The reply was the not very comforting one that people must protect their own property, so planters presumably must make the best of things and when they catch thieves take the law into their own hands. With the price of the commodity going down the hill again, planters are more than ever convinced that their lot is not a happy one.

THE RUBBER POSITION.

The position in the rubber market is very different to what it was a few short months ago. In December, with the price at four shillings a pound, we all looked like making our fortunes. Now it is under two shillings, and investors are more than ever convinced that rubber is a funny thing to have your money in. Even the experts are at a loss to explain the drop, except to say that the consumers must be overstocked. But one would have thought that they could have seen this coming six months ago.

Still rubber at two shillings is a useful and paying proposition. We can only hope that it stays like that and that there will be no return to the pre-restriction days, when the commodity would not fetch the cost of production.

HONGKONG CRICKET VISIT.

Singapore is looking forward with much interest to the arrival of your cricketers next week, and we hope to see some sporting games. We note that the team is not as strong as you could put out—it would be wonderful luck if all the best men could manage to get the necessary leave—but cricket is a funny game, and although the opposition you will meet in Malaya will be strong there is no reason why the visitors should not give a good account of themselves.

It is rather remarkable that in these days of strenuous business in the East it is still possible to keep up these inter-visit visits. In the leisurely days of twenty years ago they managed it fully regular, but in these times it is not so easy to say that when business interferes with sport one should give up business. Still, it is managed occasionally, and Malaya is very pleased indeed that a Hongkong team was after all able to make the journey. They are assured of a real Malayan welcome.

AT THE THEATRES.

THE CURRENT PROGRAMMES.

Hongkong theatre-goers are at the present having plenty of variety supplied them, with the prospect of even better things to come.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre, the current picture is "The Red Lily," which is being screened up to and including Saturday. This is one of the best pictures we have seen for a very long time. It is set in Brittany and Paris, and is noteworthy for some fine studies of life in the "underworld" at the French metropolis. The photography, too, is excellent, whilst powerful acting in a most intriguing story is a big factor in the success achieved. But for the conventional happy ending, the film might be described as a page torn from the book of life. The chief characters are taken by Emil Bennett, Roman Novarra and Wallace Beery.

At the 9.15 show, "The Quaints" continue to draw delighted audiences. Last night, "No, No, Nanette" was produced, and the last performance of this ever-popular musical play takes place to-night.

"QUO VADIS"

A new mammoth production of "Quo Vadis" is to be screened at the Queen's Theatre for four days, starting on Sunday. This is a really big picture in seven parts.

Those who have seen previous productions of this story will be interested to hear that the latest one is considered far and away the best. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Emil Jennings, who took the lead in "The Last Laugh," plays the part of Nero, with Lillian Hall Davis as Lucia. There should be full houses at the screenings of this film, and early booking is advised.

"THE BABY PAVLOVA"

Mira Shipoff, known as "the Baby Pavlova," is to appear at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, for three nights, commencing on Sunday at 9.15 p.m. With her, is her brother, Koka, who is her clever partner, and at each show there will be seventeen items. There will be a change of programme every night.

The little dancer, who is described as the world's great juvenile dancing star, has a huge repertoire of numbers, and her fairy-like dancing has been referred to as a revelation of technique and grace. A Manila paper, speaking of a recent performance, says: "Little Mara, may, possibly light of movement, superb of pose and gesture, and excellent as a toe-dancer, was most enthusiastically received. The most popular number of the recital was her Dying Swan, which she was called upon to repeat."

Found floating in the harbour off the Winklok Wharf yesterday, and to all appearances lifeless, an unknown Chinese woman was taken ashore by two Chinese firemen. Artificial respiration was resorted to and after some time, the woman gave signs of life and was at once removed by ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital.

The popular teacher of dancing, Miss Doris Woods, is leaving today on the Malwa, having joined Mr. Salisbury's "No, No, Nanette" Company. The tour includes Singapore, Federated Malay States, Penang, Rangoon and through India and Colombo. Miss Woods plans to return to Hongkong in time for the next winter season.

JEWISH CENTENARIAN.

Singapore has never claimed to be a health resort, but now that we have started to produce centenarians we may have to revise our opinions. The death took place the other day of Mr. Sassoon Levy, who claimed to be 120 years of age. Whether there was slight exaggeration in this it is impossible to say, but at any rate this robust member of the Jewish community was generally agreed to be well over the hundred mark. He was wonderfully vigorous, and was accustomed to walk about unaccompanied until shortly before his death.

Singapore was his permanent home, and he never left it; trips to Europe on leave were not in his scheme of things. His rule of life was to be contented with little, a rule which many other people might follow with advantage.

PEAK TRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1).

and plant from the Company's books in toto.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past twelve months a considerable number of improvements have been carried out for the better accommodation and comfort of passengers, both at the upper and lower termini, amongst which I might mention additional and improved lavatory accommodation at both termini, a heated waiting room at the upper station, (which was apparently much appreciated during the last cold weather), and an enlarged waiting space with better seating arrangements at the lower terminus which, together with the widened exit, makes for greater ease in handling the traffic at rush hours and conduces to the comfort of both incoming and outgoing passengers. In addition to all this, a shelter over the steps at May Road Station is in course of erection.

NEW MACHINERY.

The new electrical haulage machinery arrived at the end of March, and by doing a considerable amount of night work and by working through every week end it was possible to have a partial trial yesterday the results of which were satisfactory. It will give you some idea of the amount of work that has been done in the short space of two months, when I tell you that one small item of the work of installation was the laying of over one and a half miles of electric cable inside the engine house alone.

Owing to the increased size of the plant, it has been necessary to utilize every foot of available space at the upper terminus including that which was formerly a repair shop. The lack of a suitable workshop on the site has considerably added to the difficulties, and cost of installing the new machinery, inasmuch as even the smallest piece of work which has entailed the use of a lathe or other machine has had to be sent away to be done by an outside firm.

In November last, we entered into negotiations with the Government for the lease of a small piece of cleared land in the vicinity of the upper terminus, which would have suited us admirably for this purpose, hoping that we should have it to assist us with the installing of the new machinery, but after six months of correspondence we have been informed that this land is required for other purposes, and we have been offered another piece of uncleared land, a little further away and not nearly as suitable.

One very considerable saving which will be effected with the new plant is that of water, the cost of which with the old plant amounted to nearly \$400 per quarter. This will be entirely wiped out.

Although the new machinery is considerably more complicated, it has many advantages not possessed by the old plant. It is absolutely clean and much less noisy, and it is fitted with safety devices to take care of almost every possible contingency. Also one very great advantage is that when the machinery is at rest it is costing nothing. With the old plant, steam had to be kept up all the time even when the cars were not running. Every part of the new plant is duplicated except the actual winding drums. There are two separate and distinct cables from the Electric Supply Co. which are interchangeable in a few seconds, so that the possibility of delay to the service due to a breakdown in the Engine House is reduced to a minimum.

LARGER CARS.

The new cars are nearing completion, and we hope to put these into service within the next two months. Considerable work has been entailed by the substitution of these larger cars, such as the widening of the cuttings, the removal of a large number of the side signal posts to positions farther from the track, the entire rebuilding of the spare car shed, and the relaying of the siding leading into it. A large amount of this work has been carried out by the Company's own staff.

Perhaps a few words on the improvements incorporated in the new cars would not be out of place at this juncture. The seating capacity has been increased from 42 passengers to 55, i.e., 13 third class and 37 first class, as against 5 third, 5 second and 32 first class in the old cars. The whole of the first class portion will be in one enclosed compartment, having a central aisle with entrances and exits at either end. Conveniently placed near each seat will be four bellpushes, marked respectively with the names of the intermediate

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COCHIN-CHINA.

QUESTION OF FRENCH POLICY.

Paris, May 27.
The Chamber of Deputies by 323 votes to 194 has postponed an interpellation by M. Outrey, the Democratic Left Deputy for Cochinchina, on the Government's colonial policy in Cochinchina.—*Reuter.*

POLAR FLIGHT.

EXPLORERS TO WRITE A BOOK.

New York, May 27.
It is reported from Nome, Alaska that Amundsen and Noble have declined invitations to lecture in the United States and that they will proceed across America from Seattle to Oslo where they will write a book of their experiences.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. MINE MISHAP.

EIGHTY TRAPPED MINERS RESCUED.

New York, May 27.
A message from Scranton, Pennsylvania, says that about eighty miners are believed to be trapped behind a fire which has broken out in the Mount Look-out coal mine. Five miners have managed to fight their way through the smoke and reach the surface suffering from the effects of smoke inhaled.

Later.
All the imprisoned miners reached an air chamber where they waited until rescued.—*Reuter's American Service.*

the junction of Lugard and Peak Road, and, as to the unsuccessful outcome of the application for this site, he said that, as far as his knowledge went, it was intended to build a garage thereon for the use of His Excellency the Governor.

There were no further questions, and, put to the meeting, the adoption of the report and statement of accounts was approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

The death of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater having removed a valued member from the Board of Directors whose re-election was to have been part of the business of the meeting, the Chairman made the necessary amendment, and proposed the re-election of the four other Directors for the ensuing year.—Mr. J. Scott Harston, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. R. M. Austin and Mr. A. S. Gubbay.

Mr. G. Rapp seconded, and the motion was carried.
On the motion of Mr. W. Morley, seconded by Mr. G. Rapp, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were reappointed auditors to the company for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$250 each.

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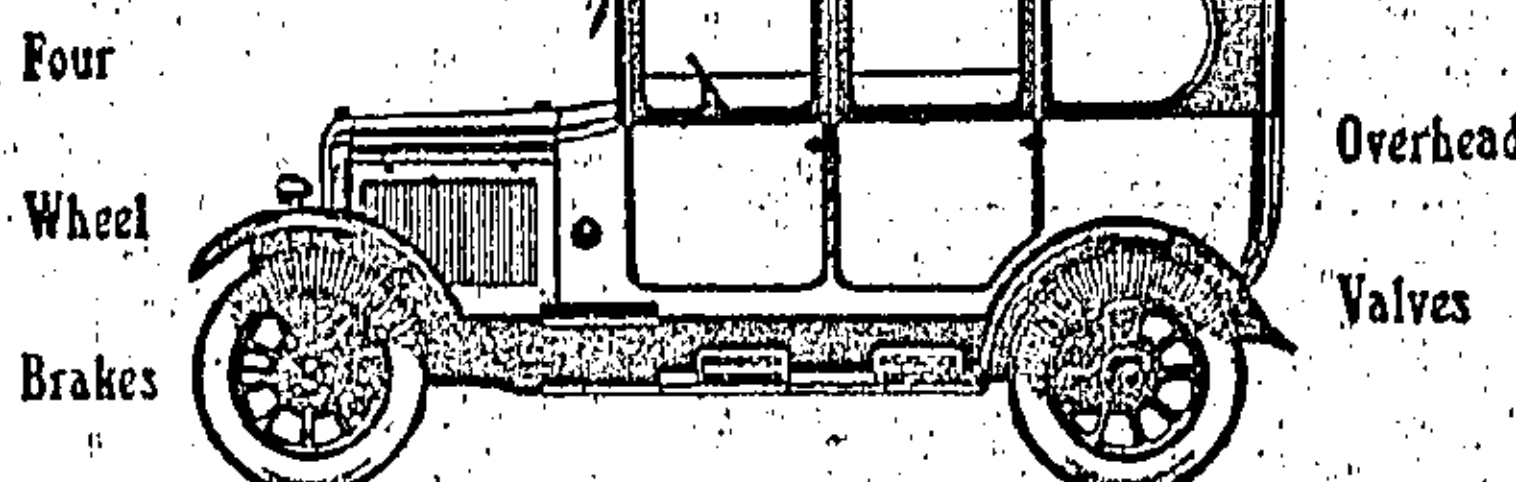
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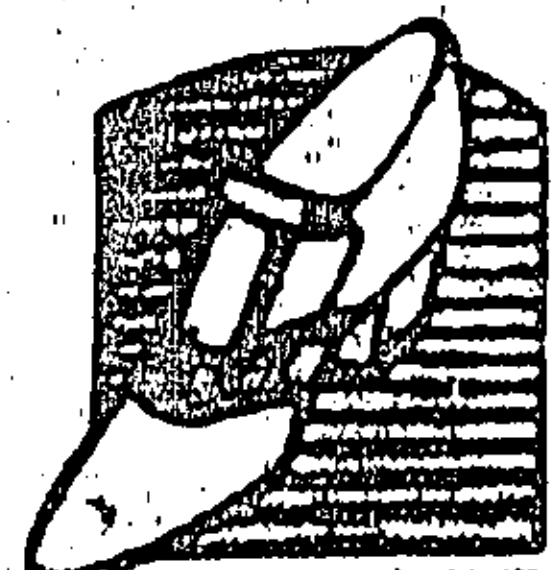
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IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL LAST EVENING.

The universal esteem in which
the late Sir Paul Chater was held
was shown last evening by the
large and representative attend-
ance at his funeral. The inter-
ment took place at the Protestant
Cemetery, Happy Valley, being
preceded by a service in St. John's
Cathedral.

The coffin, a simple one of plain
oak and silver was borne into the
church to the solemn tolling of
the bells. The service was fully
choral, and was conducted by His
Lordship the Bishop of Hongkong,
assisted by the Reverends Copley
Moyle, Lindsay, Featherstone,
Waldegrave and Halward.

On the coffin wreaths were laid
from His Excellency the Governor
and Lady Clementi and Lady
Chater, while many more covered
the hearse.

With Mr. Mason at the organ,
the ceremonies commenced with
the singing of Psalm 90, followed
by the lesson, read by the Revd.
Lindsay, and then the playing of
the Dead March in Saul.

Amongst those present were Mr.
J. T. Bagram (nephew of deceased),
and Mr. W. E. L. Shen-
cely, the Governor, Sir Cecil
Clementi, K.C.M.G., Sir Henry and
Lady Pollock, Miss Inness, Vice-
Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander Sin-
clair, Commodore C. B. E. Stirling,
the Hon. Mr. A. Q. Lang, the Hon.
Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. H. T.
Creasey, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen
Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall,
the Hon. Mr. D. W. Tratman, the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P.),
the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard,
Lieut.-Col. Montague Bates, the
Hon. Mr. Southern (Colonial Secre-
tary), Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Sir
Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice),
Mr. Justice Wood, Members of the
Consular Body, Messrs. R. C. Tred-
well (Consul-General for America),
J. M. Alves (Brazil), A. L. C. de
Albuquerque (Portugal), M. J.
Quist (Netherlands), S. Berg (Nor-
way), Y. Murakami (Japan), E. W.
Hamilton, A. H. Barlow, H.
P. White, A. H. White, T. Fur-
guson, R. M. Dyer, C. H. Blaser,
J. Fleming, L. J. Blackman, J. H.
King (D.C.I.), R. Sutherland, F. H.
Crippell. The ushers were Colonel
Robertson, Messrs. W. Jackson,
P. H. Cassidy, W. L. Pattenden, and
Owen-Hughes.

Most of those who attended the
Cathedral service were also pre-
sent at the interment at the ceme-
tery. The local Freemason lodges
which were represented were the
Zetland, Victoria, Perseverance,
United Service, University, Ethen,
Concordia, Perceptory and Priory
(Knights Templars), St. Mary Mag-
dalene, (Rose Croix), the District
Grand Lodge of Hongkong and
South China, (Scottish Division),
the Lodge of Eastern Scotia, the
Lodge of St. John, and the Naval
and Military Lodge. Amongst the
freemasons present were Bro. J. M.
McIntosh, (D.S.G.W.), Bro. C. G.
Alabaster, (D. G. D. of C.), P. Tester
(P.D.G.S.W.), C. D. Melbourne,
(P.D.G.S.W.), J. W. C. Bonnar,
(P.D.G.S.W.), A. W. Hill, and James
M. McLeod, Messrs. T. T. Lauren-
son (President), R. J. Hunt (Secre-
tary), J. Pearce (Vice-President),
and T. Gordon Leask (Chairman),
representing the Esma Club.

Dr. Black, Grand Master of the
Scottish Lodges was unable to be
present owing to indisposition.

The Wreaths.
A wreath from Lady Chater was
buried with the coffin. A large
number of beautiful floral tributes
were sent, amongst which were
noticed those from:

H. E. The Governor and Lady
Clementi, the Legislative Council,
the Executive Council, The Gov-
ernment Audit Department, Offi-
cers and Members of the British
Legion, The Consular Body, The
University of Hongkong, The
Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce, the Officers of the
Public Works Department, The
French Consul (Mr. G. D. de la
Prade), The D. G. M. Officers and
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China, the Companions of the
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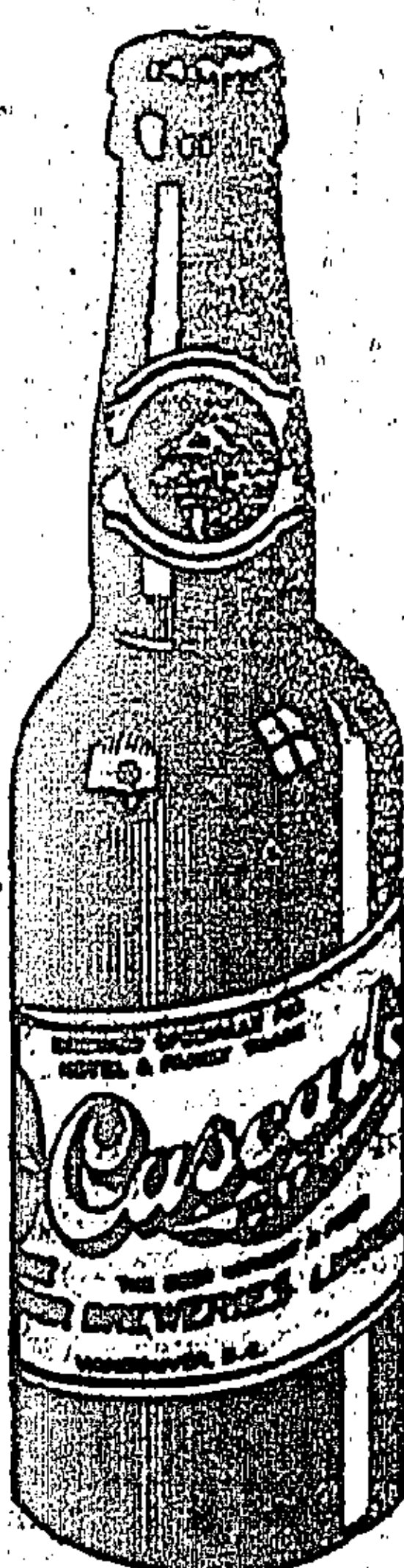
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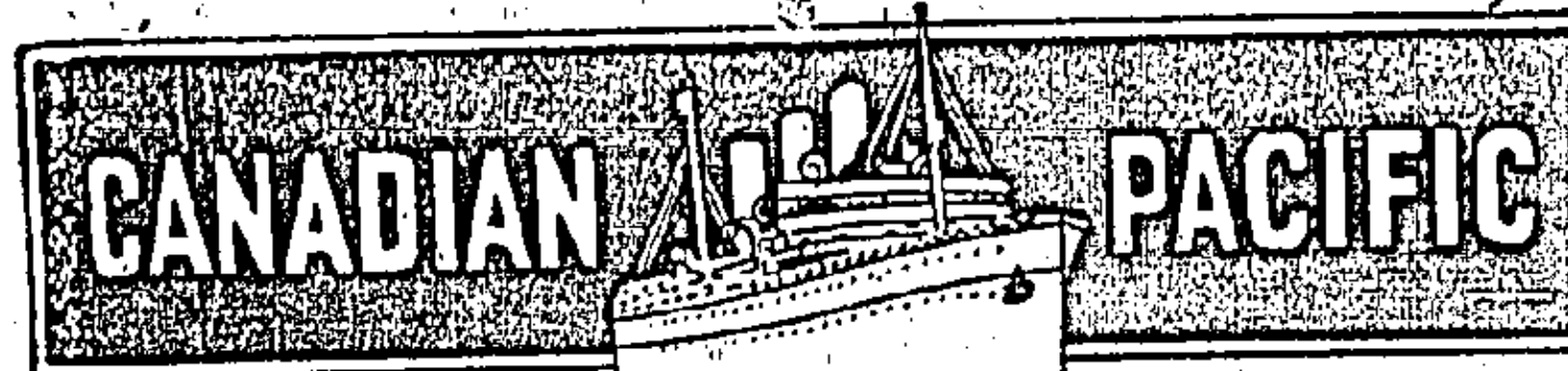
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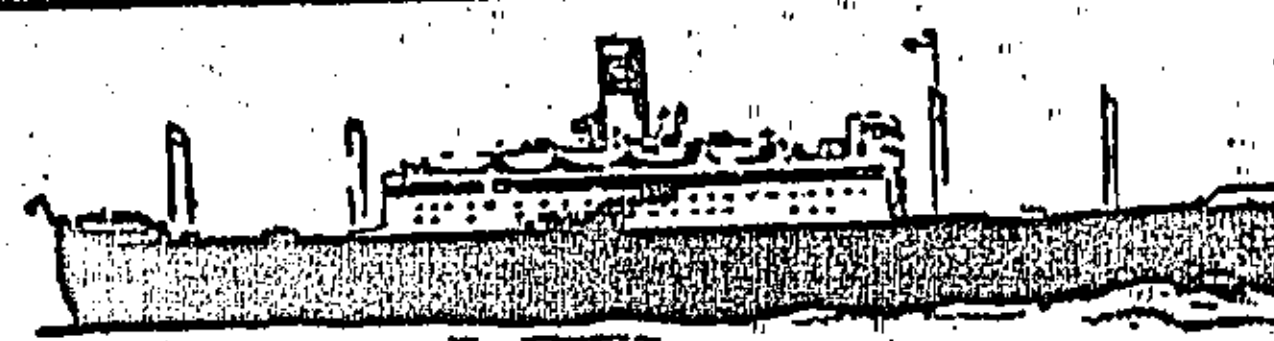
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The attendance at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, when property at Temple Street, was disposed of by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, was not good and a poor price was realised, two houses being knocked down for \$10,200.

The property put up, was Section B of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 359 and Subsection 10 of Section of Kowloon Lot No. 421, with the premises thereon known as Nos. 269 and 271 Temple Street. The holding was originally in the names of Chater and Mody and has an area of 1,774 square feet, at an annual Crown Rental of \$6.91 and held for a term of 75 years from 1887.

Opening at \$10,000 with bids of \$100 acceptable, only two raises were registered and the sale was concluded in favour of Mr. Leung Kari at the price stated.

PEACE IN MOROCCO.

COLLAPSE NOT UNEXPECTED.

Tangier, May 27. The surrender of Abd el Krim is not surprising, as he was known to be in flight, if not in hiding, fearing assassination by his disappointed followers.

The French had captured the greater part of Jebel Hamman mountain fastness, which was Abd el Krim's last sanctuary. His own tribe, the Beni Waringhel, had submitted; and practically the whole Rif territory was in the hands of the French and Spaniards.

Only two tribes are intact, the Chomara and Djebala, who are apparently unaware of Abd el Krim's collapse.—*Reuter*.

End Of a Picturesque Career.

London, May 27. Abd el Krim's surrender not merely ends the career of the world's most picturesque figure, whose five years' guerrilla warfare against two European Powers began with a defeat of the Spaniards in 1921, but probably will terminate the secular quarrel between the Moors and Spaniards.

Abd el Krim was no ignorant mountaineer. He was the guest of the Government at Madrid for two years before he attacked them. As a result of his special course of study at Madrid, he engaged foreigners to teach the tribesmen the methods of modern warfare. He controlled the Rifian troops by means of an extensive telephone system.

Among the political consequences of the Rifian adventure has been establishment of the dictatorship in Spain, and the recognition by France of the necessity for close Franco-Spanish co-operation in Morocco, while the downfall of Abd el Krim will have repercussions in the whole Moslem world.

The Times in an editorial hopes Abd el Krim's correspondence will be published, in order to reveal to the world the intrigues of mining concessionaires and financiers who exploited the Rifian cupidity and fanaticism.—*Reuter*.

INTERPRETERS CHARGED.

STORY OF THE SALE OF A LICENCE.

Serious charges were preferred against Hung Ping-cheung and Chan Wing-ki, probationary interpreters of the Sanitary Department, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when they appeared before Mr. J.H.B. Nihil.

Chau, who was defended by Mr. D. McCallum, was charged with obtaining \$13 and \$20 by false pretences while Hung, for whom Mr. W. B. Hind appeared, was charged with obtaining \$20 by false pretences and with demanding a bribe from a pork dealer, the complainant, in both cases.

Sergeant Chester Woods, prosecuting, said the cases were separate and could not be heard simultaneously.

His Worship then remanded Hung till next Wednesday afternoon, and the case against Chau was proceeded with.

Sergeant Chester Woods said that although the charges related to January 23, he would have to make reference to an incident which occurred in December. There was a very important witness for the prosecution who had returned to the country and was therefore not available.

This man was at his stall during the month of December when a Chinese, whom the prosecution alleged was the defendant, spoke to the man about pork dealers' licences. The defendant said he was a Government servant and could get a license for the pork dealer.

Some money had changed hands, continued Sergeant Chester Woods, but he would not comment upon that. Going back to January the defendant visited the complainant's stall and mentioned a certain sum of money, bringing the total including that already obtained by him in December, to \$100. The complainant paid the defendant \$13 and later the witness who had returned to the country made an entry in the shop's books regarding this sum.

Sometime later the defendant again went to the complainant's shop and, producing an official looking envelope, said that he had obtained the license, but the envelope was never opened.

The complainant was told to have his photograph taken and the two went to a tenhouse where Chau demanded a further \$20, promising to produce the license the following morning.

In reply to the Magistrate, Sergeant Chester Woods, said that the defendant had no authority to issue licenses but had made an application for one and had been refused. The case was adjourned.

London, April 26.—The *Westminster Gazette* says two giant motor caravans for hunting purposes capable of accommodating 16 persons, fully furnished and lit by electricity, which were ordered by the late Maharajah of Gwalior, are being shipped to India from England this week. The front portion of the so-called Platavan consists of a vehicle, driven by a 50 h.p. engine, in which eight people can dine at once. Behind is a trailer equipped with a dormitory. The whole outfit is 45 feet long, weighs 10 tons, and costs £23,000.

THE ARMS TRAFFIC.

A CHINESE SEAMAN FINED.

London, May 27. A Chinese seaman from the steamer *Pembroke* was charged at East Ham with concealing 63 automatic pistols, two walking-stick guns, and 6,700 rounds of ammunition.

He told the customs that the arms were given him at Antwerp by a Cantonese, who asked him to take them to Hongkong, promising three dollars for each gun delivered.

The seaman was fined £150, or three months.—*Reuter*.

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS.

RECEIVED BY THE KING.

London, May 27.

H. M. the King gave an audience to forty delegates to the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference. His Majesty, recalling the 1918 conference, when only eight countries were represented, said he thought the present encouraging increase indicated a general desire to assist in the reconstruction of the world's commerce.

His Majesty picked out from the conference's agenda the production and distribution of coal, and shipping law and custom, which he declared of vital importance to Britain and doubtless to other countries.—*Reuter*.



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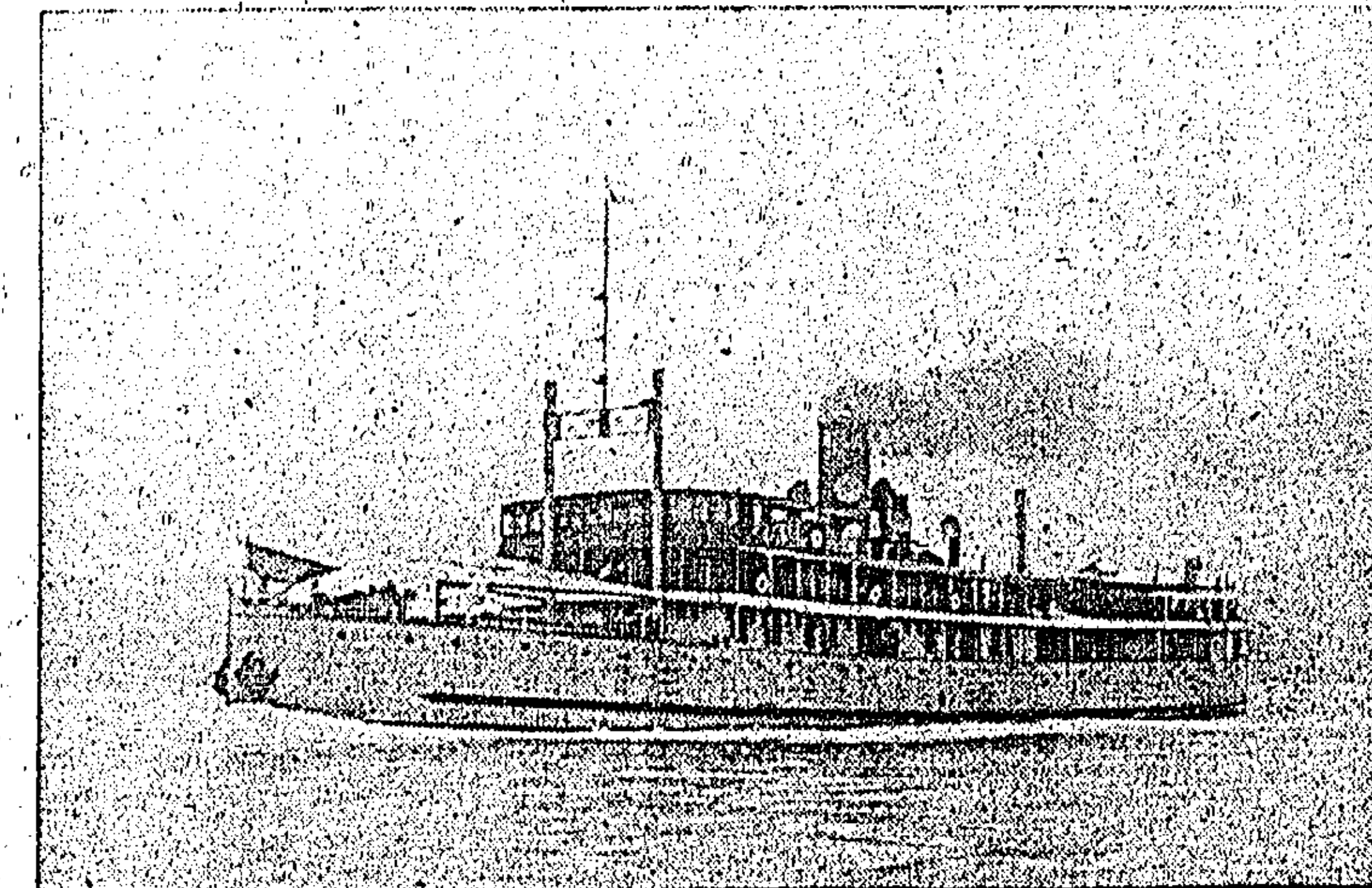


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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st May, will be subject to rent.

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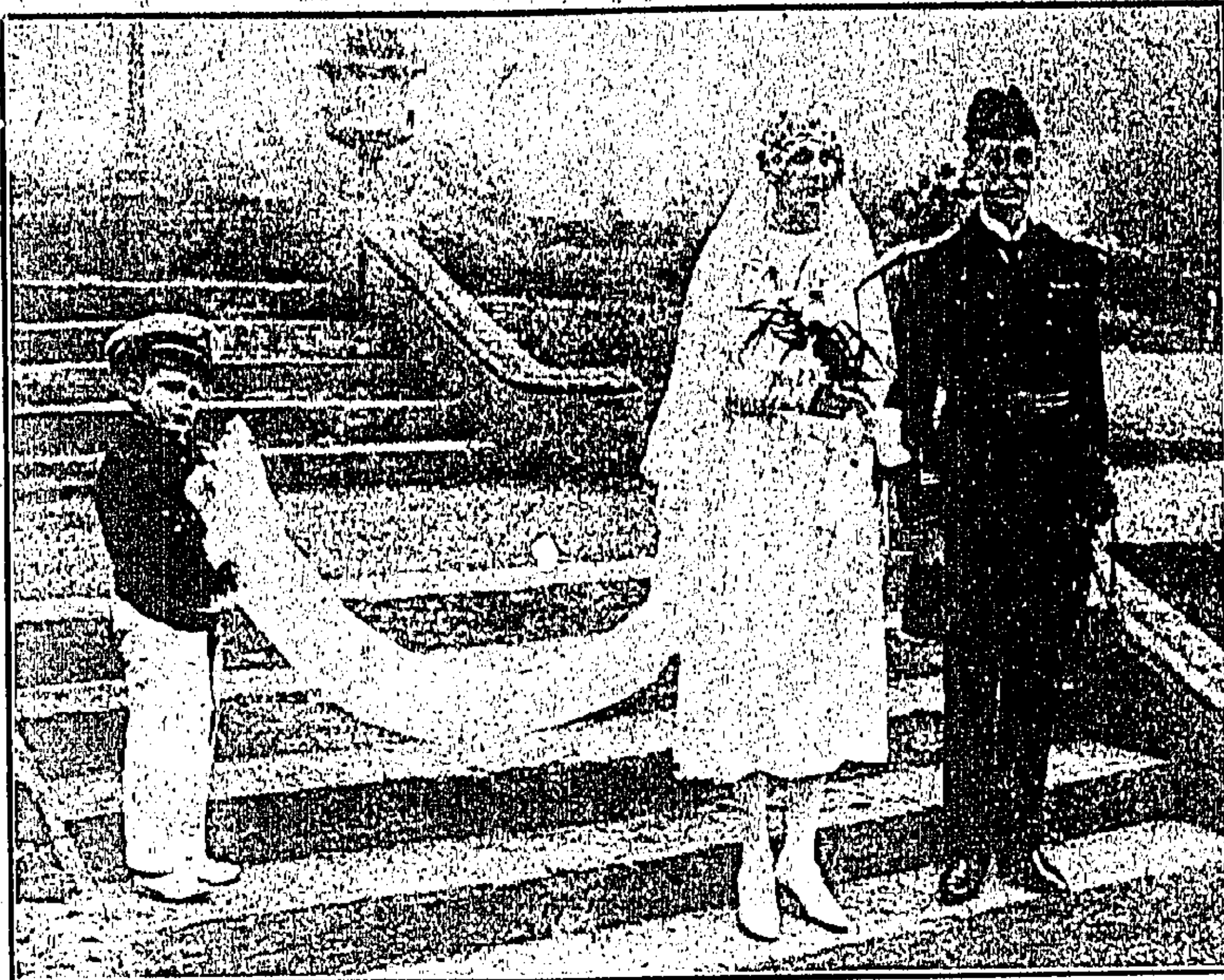
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RIVAL AS AUDITOR.

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seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. I am in agreement with most of his remarks, but I desire to emphasise one particular point which has not been sufficiently stressed upon, and that is the prosperity of the Society is, in my opinion, solely the result of one guiding hand. In the nature of things, undertakings large or small rise or fall by the efforts of one person, and unorthodox as it may seem to you, it is my firm belief that the larger the undertaking the greater its probability of success, where its destinies and broad questions of policy are confided to the hands of a capable single person, and in this the Union Insurance Society of Canton has been fortunate in the past, and if I may say so, in the present, and I hope even to a greater degree in the future. If the accounts now before you are any criterion. As a large single shareholder, and representative of a still larger shareholder closely related to me, I feel that our interests are very ably looked after by the present General Manager in the person of Mr. Paul Lander.

Whilst commending the policy of distributing only the income from investments which I notice as regards the working for the year 1924 was exceeded to the extent of some £20,000, I would urge the view that when the result of the working for 1925 is better known at this time next year, the distribution to shareholders might be enlarged moderately a little further, say to the extent of a further bonus of 5/- per share, which would cost about £34,000 extra.

In connection with the dividends, there is a point in the accounts which no doubt is readily explainable. If you will refer to the working account for 1924 you will find the cost of the interim dividend at the rate of 2 1/2% at £161,994; for 1925 the cost is given in the report at £162,000, which is certainly the correct figure. I have not the balance sheet at 31st December, 1924, before me from which to ascertain the change in the issued capital which no doubt took place.

Without wishing to criticise the proposed adjustments as between the Reserve Fund and the Re-Insurance Fund, but only for enlightenment, I would ask the reason why the proposed transfer is limited only to £78,000. May I suggest that the transfer be increased to £178,000, raising the sterling Reserve Fund to £400,000? The Re-Insurance Fund will then stand at about 22 1/2% lakhs of pounds, which should be ample capital to finance risks against that Fund. This appears to me all the stronger when viewed from the standpoint that in whatever manner risks may be regarded or allocated by the management, the insurer will look to all the assets of the Society in satisfaction of claims. The fund is apparently of a fluctuating nature, and whether or not it covers profits the shareholders are now in the dark.

Another fund of a fluctuating nature which moves more or less mysteriously, unless analysed and compared with previous balance sheets, is the Underwriting Suspense Account, to which balances of Working Accounts are transferred after the lapse of a complete year, as with the case of the accounts for 1924 being considered to-day. Presumably claims arising out of the working for 1924 and prior years will be debited to this account, and I would like some information as to the amount debited during 1925 to the Underwriting Suspense Account for claims appertaining to 1923 and the years before that.

I would suggest that in future years this information be given in the face of the balance sheet to enable shareholders to fully appreciate our fortunes after every Working Account is closed.

Another point to my mind of great importance is the question of auditors, one of whom is connected as a Director of a Company strenuously competing, with this Company, I refer to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, whose head, Mr. Bernard Brown, is a Director of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Now, gentlemen, I have nothing against Mr. Brown, but it is surely not good policy that our affairs should be intimately exposed to one of our auditors who is also actively in opposition to this Company. The knowledge gained by Mr. Brown as an auditor may quite conceivably be superior to the knowledge of the Directors themselves, and it is undesirable that he should have this knowledge in view of his Directorship in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., although I feel certain that no information obtained as auditor, is made use of. I do not propose to vote against Messrs. Linstead and Davis' re-election to-day, but will limit myself to the above opinion in the certainty that the matter will be duly taken up by the Board.

A LITTLE RAPID.

Mr. Plummer, replying, said that he was afraid that Mr. Alves had been a little too rapid for him as he had not gathered the full import of all his questions, at least he could not regard them as questions but allusions. If Mr. Alves cared to put any specific question he would answer to the best of his ability. Meanwhile on behalf of the General Manager, he wished to thank Mr. Alves for his very kind remarks.—(Applause).

Mr. Alves indicated that he did not wish to put questions. The resolution was then put to the meeting by the Chairman and unanimously passed.

Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall retired in accordance with the Articles of Association, but they were re-elected on the proposition of Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Prof. Middleton Smith.

Mr. Grhale, prefacing his proposal with the remark that he did so notwithstanding what Mr. Alves had said, moved that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis being re-elected as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,000 each.

Mr. W. A. Hannibal seconded, and this was carried.

THE SWATOW WAY.

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What the casualties were on both sides it is difficult to ascertain. The middle school with commendable exactness, claimed 146 but one may be pardoned for hesitating to accept the figure. The heads of both schools were absent in Canton at an educational conference, and were hastily summoned back by telegram; and the settlement of the affair awaits their arrival.

Meanwhile the public is being treated to wild and whirling manifestoes from the two sides, and is no doubt saying in its heart "A plague upon you both!"

AMERICAN MISSIONS ASSAILED.

The middle school of the American Baptist Mission has been the latest object of the attentions of the anti-imperialists. One of the boys got into trouble with a teacher, and was disciplined. The class went on strike, and called in the aid of the Kuomintang and the various strike organizations, as well as the students' union; and their representatives, to the number of over 60 paraded to the school behind a flag intimating that they were out to support the students in their resistance to "imperialism and cultural penetration." They held a meeting with the students in the school hall, and formulated a series of demands, including the deposition of the principal (who is Chinese), removal of all restriction on the students' self-government association, abolition of religious exercises and elective Bible study, and, finally, the rendition of the school to exclusively Chinese control. (It is at present under a board of management on which Chinese are in a large majority.)

A settlement has been patched up on much less radical lines, involving concessions to the students which to an outsider seem ominous of future trouble; and it is very unlikely indeed that the fishers in the troubled waters have been satisfied with their catch this time.

The American school at Meishien, which was reported some weeks ago to have been seized by a mob of outside students, is still in the hands of the raiders, and there seems no possibility of recovering it for the time being.

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